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Hopes of cheaper tickets dashed as expert predictions indicate up to £400 price hike

EXCLUSIVE

By JON COATES

TRAIN passengers could be hit with large hikes in the price of season tickets next year as a result of high inflation levels.

Commuters using Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Paddock Wood stations are facing rises of between £200 and £400 for annual rail passes in January.

That would mean, for example, a season ticket from Tunbridge Wells costing £3,350 now would rise to about £3,610.

And any hopes of fares being reduced the following year could be dashed by the Government's efforts to tackle its budget deficit in its autumn spending review.

This could prolong the misery for train passengers in west Kent – who already pay some of the highest fares in the country.

As part of a four-year franchise agreement with the government, rail operator Southeastern is allowed to set its fares at three per cent above the retail price index (RPI), which is currently 4.8 per cent.

For train firms across the country the formula for raising fares is just RPI plus one per cent.

Southeastern's franchise agreement is due to run out in January 2012 and

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Baby, let's play house

Lisa Marie Presley is reported to have followed her religion to a new home on the Kent/Sussex border. FULL STORY – SEE INSIDE

Watch returned after ten years

A WOMAN has been reunited with a gold watch given to her as a 21st birthday present after it was stolen a decade ago.

The watch was handed in to West Malling police station after it was found by a resident, who saw it had a first name and a date engraved on its back.

Police Constable Becky Ballard did a search for people living locally with that name and tracked down a woman from Ryarsh, near West Malling, who had been a victim of a burglary in July.

The woman said that although she had not lost a watch in that burglary, she had lost one that she had been given for her birthday ten years ago.

PC Becky Ballard said: "I have also passed on the good news to the people who found the watch and they were delighted to have been able to help.

"I'm glad that, although this lady had been a victim of burglary in the past, she can take comfort in the fact that her precious watch is now back in her possession."

Train fare rises set to continue

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it had been expected to then fall in line with other operators nationwide – resulting in lower train fares.

But with the Department for Transport looking at reducing government rail subsidies during its Comprehensive Spending Review in October, fares for commuters in west Kent are likely to stay the same or even rise.

The Government is expected to bring the other rail operators up to the RPI plus three per cent already used in our region, but could go up to RPI plus 10 in the long-term.

The RPI for August of 4.8 per cent, which was announced on Tuesday, would see commuters from Tunbridge Wells have to pay an extra £261 for their standard class season ticket in January 2011 or an extra £392.18 for a first class pass.

From Tonbridge the standard season ticket would be another £237 and a first class one an extra £356. Those using high speed one services will face an £359 increase for standard class and £390 for first class.

From Paddock Wood the standard pass would be another £250 and first class £375. With high speed one trains this rises to £359 for standard and £375 for first class.

And from Sevenoaks, a standard class season ticket would cost an extra £196 and first class pass £294.

A Southeastern spokesman said the operator will not announce its fares for next year until December, after consulting with the Department for Transport and seeing the outcome of the spending review.

He said the fares for the following year had been expected to fall to the standard RPI plus one formula.

But he warned: "The implication is that the Government could ask all the rail companies to increase above the plus three per cent formula we use.

"This could be up to plus 10 per cent, but it is out of our hands as the Government is looking to shift the cost of rail services away from taxpayers on to their users."

Tunde Olatunji, Kent manager for independent watchdog Passenger Focus, said he expects the Government to bring the other rail firms nationwide up to Southeastern's level – dashing hopes of lower fares.

However, he added that increasing fares above the RPI plus three level would not be stomached by commuters in west Kent who already do not see Southeastern services as providing value for money.

With regards to the inflationary increases expected in January next year, he said: "Clearly the fare rises we will see will contrast with those seen last year, when there was a negative figure for the RPI.

"This meant even with the RPI plus three, passengers were seeing rises of 1.6 to 1.8 per cent. With inflation now running around five per cent, we will be looking at eight per cent increases in January."

New depot to keep our paramedics on the road

TUNBRIDGE Wells MP Greg Clark has broadly welcomed plans to create a super depot for ambulances in west Kent, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

The decentralisation minister said that the proposals to allow paramedics more time with patients was to be welcomed, but said the new state-of-the-art station should be near the A21, a notorious accident black spot.

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust (SECAmb) has submitted a planning application to convert a site in Eldon Way, Paddock Wood, into a 'make ready depot' and hopes it will be up and running by early summer 2011.

Non-clinical staff at the site would clean, swab for micro-organisms such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile, restock and maintain the ambulances.

The trust, which covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said this frees up paramedics, who have historically done these tasks, to spend more of their time treating patients.

Mr Clark said: "I think it is the right step forward, but an A21 location would have been preferable on the whole for my constituents."

The make ready depot will serve ambulances working in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Cranbrook and Crowborough.

FAST TURNAROUND: The aim is to free up paramedics to treat patients

Concerns have been raised about the loss of existing ambulance stations in Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Edenbridge and Crowborough. But SECAmb said ambulance crews will start and end their shift at the new depot, but for the rest of the time when not responding to call outs will be based from 'community response posts' across the area.

"The trust intends to introduce 10 response posts," a spokeswoman said. "This will be considerably more than the number of stations currently in this area, therefore improving services for patients.

"Their location will be linked directly to demand to ensure we can reach patients as quickly as possible."

She said many existing stations had been built more than 30 years ago and were no longer suitable to provide a timely response.

Mr Clark said he had met with the ambulance trust to talk about the plans in detail.

He said: "I can understand that actually to have more ambulances available for duty is clearly in everyone's interest.

"The make ready station is the right step forward as it will mean ambulances will be available for deployment ready to help people the moment the crew arrives."

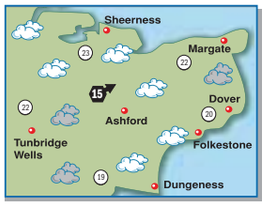
In Cranbrook, the trust plans to set up a community response post on the grounds of the town's rugby club and in Crowborough discussions are taking place to locate a post at a local health centre.

Talks are currently taking place in Tunbridge Wells to set up a response post on the site of Kent and Sussex Hospital, which is where the current ambulance station is. This hospital is being replaced by the new private finance initiative hospital at Pembury, which is set to open next year.

In Edenbridge the trust is in discussion about keeping a response post at the minor injuries unit.

The current Tonbridge ambulance station is set to continue as a response post and in Sevenoaks, SECAmb is in talks with NHS West Kent about locating a post at the minor injuries unit.

Weather



Today

A few sunny spells are possible, but there will be a lot of cloud around. Whilst most places will start dry, there will be a growing risk of showery bursts of rain during the afternoon and evening, especially across western areas. Humid with light south-westerly winds. Max temp 20-23C (68-73F).

Sun & Moon

Sunrise	5.49am	Sunset	8.06pm	Lighting up times:	
Moonrise	6.35pm	Moonset	2.13am	8.06pm to 5.51am	

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
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Dover	09.51	5.7	22.21	5.8	10.39	6.0	23.05	6.0
Margate	10.44	4.1	23.23	4.3	11.36	4.3	–	–
St Mary's	03.24	4.4	15.46	4.8	04.14	4.7	16.30	5.1

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Belfast	fair	19	66	Glasgow	fair	18	64	Norwich	thndr	24	75
B'ham	rain	20	68	Isle of Man	shwrs	18	64	Oxford	thndr	22	72
B'mouth	thndr	20	68	Leeds	fair	19	66	Southsea	drizzle	20	68
Bristol	thndr	19	66	London	rain	23	73	S'hampton	drizzle	20	68
Cardiff	thndr	19	66	Liverpool	fair	20	68	Southport	fair	19	66
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It's viva Tunbridge Wells as The King's daughter makes £8 million move

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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ELVIS Presley's daughter is reported to have moved into an £8 million country mansion near Tunbridge Wells.

Lisa Marie Presley, 42, and her fourth husband Michael Lockwood, also 42, are believed to have bought a stately home on the Kent/Sussex border.

National newspaper The Sun reported on Thursday the couple have moved home from Los Angeles to escape gossip surrounding her late ex-husband Michael Jackson, who died last year.

Lisa Marie, a devoted Scientologist, was also said to have wanted to buy a home close to the religious cult's UK headquarters in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

A local estate agent, who did not want to be named, said Lisa Marie had looked around her friend's house in Crowborough, which is also renowned for its Scientologist population.

It is believed that Elvis' daughter settled on a property on the outskirts of the town.

The 11-bedroom mansion reportedly features an indoor pool, cinema, sauna and lake set in 90 acres of grounds.

Apparently the house is heavily guarded with security staff patrolling on quad bikes.

Lisa Marie has claimed that Scientology helped her kick a drugs habit at 18.

The cult's founder science fiction writer L Ron Hubbard used to live in Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, and the house remains a centre for the controversial organisation.

The couple have moved to their new country home with their 18-month-old girls Harper and Finley.

Lisa Marie has spoken in the past about her love of the UK, saying: "Any place that is perpetually sunny is suspect. I'm the only person who came to England for the weather."

Scientology, which has a number of famous followers including Tom Cruise and John Travolta, is legally recognised as a tax-exempt religion in the US and some other countries, but in the UK, France and Germany does not enjoy religious status.

Hundreds of followers flocked to Saint Hill Manor to study with Hubbard during his time there and Scientologists from around the world continue to use the centre.

ALL SHOOK UP: Scientologist Lisa Marie has reportedly moved into an £8m mansion

Specials' fine time

A TEAM of special constables carried out road checks at locations in west Kent that saw 30 fines handed out for safety issues.

Vehicles were checked at Tonbridge, Crockham Hill and Edenbridge in a bid to crackdown on mobile phone use while driving and people not using seatbelts.

Police Constable Liza Hall, the Special Constabulary co-ordinator, said: "We are fortunate that so many of our Specials are willing to put in hours during the working week as well as at evenings and weekends.

"While the motorists we stopped may not have been too keen to see us, I am delighted to say that at each location residents acknowledged our presence and thanked us for what we were doing."

Forms at the ready

VOTERS in Sevenoaks are set to receive registration forms for the district and parish council elections.

There will also be a national referendum on the voting system taking place on May 5.

Sevenoaks District Council said the voter registration forms will be available from August 31, and details can be confirmed online, by free phone, text service or sending the forms back to the council.

The council said residents who don't want to lose their chance to vote should not delay in responding because only those people whose names are on the register will be able to vote.

Households that have not received a form by late September, or have any questions can email elreg@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone 01732 227188 or 01732 227243.

House hit in crash

A CAR damaged railings and a lamppost before crashing into the side of a house after careering off a road.

Police said a grey Saab veered off Bradbourne Vale Road in Sevenoaks at around 11.35am last Saturday, eventually coming to a halt when it crashed into the wall of a house.

No other vehicles were involved and no one was injured. The building was damaged, but considered structurally safe after a surveyor inspected it.

Hann-aaaaah going into freefall for local hospice

A TEENAGE beauty queen is set to leap from a 200ft-high crane above Bewl Water and slide down a rope in aid of Hospice in the Weald, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Hannah Coleman recently beat hundreds of young women for the title Miss Teen Kent Galaxy England 2010/11.

As part of her fundraising duties, the daring 17-year-old is taking part in the charity freefall abseiling event Over the Edge at Bewl, near Lamberhurst, on Sunday and hopes to raise £300 for the Pembury-based hospice.

DROP BY: Hannah

She said: "I'm feeling slightly nervous, but excited and really just wanting to help raise as much money as possible for the hospice.

"I've not really had time to think too much about the challenge as I only heard about it a fortnight ago, so it's just been a mad last few days trying to reach my sponsorship target."

Miss Coleman, who lives in Hawkhurst near Cranbrook, will go on to represent the county at the final of the beauty contest in February next year, at The De Vere Hotel in Cheshire. The winner will then go on to represent England in the Miss Teen Galaxy International Final in the USA in the summer of 2011.

As part of the competition, finalists are encouraged to make personal appearances in the region they are represent, volunteer and raise money for local causes.

Miss Coleman has chosen to focus her fundraising efforts over the next six months in support of Hospice in the Weald.

Since winning her title, she has helped raise more than £700 at The Brolley 2010 Charity Polo Tournament by selling raffle tickets in aid of the palliative care centre.

She has supported the Autorama Classic Car and Steam Show at Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells, presenting rosettes in the fun dog competition in aid of The Kit Wilson Trust for Animal Welfare.

She also presented rosettes in the children's fancy dress competition.

On Sunday, Miss Coleman will join other fundraisers for the freefall abseil going up in a crane over the reservoir before lowering herself to the ground down a rope.

Fundraisers must be over 10-years-old to take part in the challenge and pay a £50 registration fee, which is refundable if you raise more than £300.

To help raise money for Hospice in the Weald and for registration details call 01892 820527.

To sponsor Miss Coleman visit www.justgiving.com/hannahcolemanmissteenkentgalaxy.

If you would like to contact her about a fundraising event or appearance over the coming months email missteengalaxy@yahoo.com.

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Businessman explains why he's stepped aside as a buyer

Council is the right bidder for cinema

EXCLUSIVE

By JON COATES

MULTI-millionaire Simon Hume-Kendall did not submit a bid for the cinema site at the heart of Tunbridge Wells.

The wealthy businessman, who owns Bewl Water, declared an interest in the prime development site earlier this year when it went on the open market.

But after we exclusively revealed that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council was planning to make an audacious last minute bid for the derelict site two weeks ago, the entrepreneur decided to step aside.

Mr Hume-Kendall, 56, who is the deputy chair of Kent Conservative Association and also owns Lamberhurst Vineyard, says he is still interested in the former ABC cinema plot on the corner of Mount Pleasant Road and Church Road.

But he feels it is in the best interest of the town for the council to buy and develop the site, which has become an eyesore.

Mr Hume-Kendall said: "From our point of view we are going to sit on our hands for the time being. We have re-iterated our interest but think the borough council is the right bidder and we do not want to bid against them and push the price up.

BIDDING CLOSED: The old ABC cinema site

"I think the council offers the best chance of finding a use for the site, which has been empty for the last 10 years and become a thorn in the side of the town."

Savills had put the site on the open market for unconditional offers in excess of £8 million in May. But after we exposed how engineering complications in building on top of a railway tunnel leading to the nearby station could add millions to the cost of any development, it is believed that lower bids or offers with conditions will be accepted.

Council chiefs had kept the details of their offer close to their chest to avoid a bidding war, but the final decision to go-ahead with trying to buy the site was made at a meeting of the authority's cabinet on July 29.

The deadline for bids closed on Monday.

Council leader Roy Bullock this week officially confirmed that the authority had bid for the site.

He said: "Some people may question whether it is the role of the council to acquire property, but council colleagues and I have concluded it is in the best interests of the borough.

"Not only is it the number one 'grot spot' in the town, but it also reinforces the perceived divide between the two halves of the town, and has recently been the subject of several arson attempts."

Cllr Bullock added: "We have taken expert advice and know we have a scheme that is financially viable and would contribute positively to the vitality and ambiance of the town. We have therefore submitted what we believe to be a competitive yet realistic bid for the site.

"Savills is managing the bidding process and we await with interest the outcome of their assessment of any bids which have been submitted."

Windmill could be your home

AFTER a decade living in a converted Grade II-listed windmill, the owners have decided to move out and give another family the chance to enjoy the unique space.

Bill Boulter told how it was love at first sight when his then girlfriend and now wife, Alison, brought home the estate agent's brochure for the three-bedroom property in Edenbridge.

"I've always wanted to live somewhere different. When it came up on the market Alison spotted it and I fell just in love," he said.

The Windmill in Mill Hill is in a conservation area close to the town centre and is on the market with a price guideline of £695,000.

Built in 1815 it was used to grind wheat until 1886, then converted by the previous owners to the Boulters in the late 20th century.

Features that have been retained since its days as a wheat mill include the original wallower, upright shaft and iron great spur wheel, which drove the millstones. As a consequence of its shape there are romantic spiral staircases as well as exposed brickwork and timbers and stripped wood flooring.

The flat lead roof, which was added by the Boulters, has an ornamental weathervane pictured in photographs that date back to 1917.

Original mill machinery provides an interesting focal point in two of the bedrooms, which also have specially built wardrobes that curve with the property.

Mr Boulter said the couple had decided that after 10 years in the property it was time to sell up, adding: "I think the owner has got to be a certain type of person, someone like me who just falls in love with it immediately."

For more information contact the estate agent Savills on 01732 789700.

Reserve in a buzz over record books

A WILDLIFE charity was celebrating this week after building the biggest bee house in the world at one of its nature reserves.

Staff and volunteers took four hours to assemble the structure measuring 127.25 sq ft at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve on Tuesday.

They now have to wait for official verification from Guinness World Records, but are confident their giant bee house will make it into the record books.

Amanda Hamley, community fundraising and events manager for Kent Wildlife Trust, which runs the site, said: "I think it looks even better than I thought it would and it will provide a fantastic spectacle for visitors."

She said 13 volunteers led by the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Simon Raikes, took part on the day, under the watchful eye of seven officials from Guinness World Records.

The bee house will be a permanent feature of the reserve off Bradbourne Vale Road.

Solitary bees are expected to take up residence next spring. The charity, which runs 60 nature reserves across the county, said the majority of bees prefer to live alone, which is why they are called solitary bees.

A quarter of bee species are endangered, and it is hoped the buzz created by the record-breaking bee house will encourage people to set up their own bee hives.

The frame for the house was constructed by chartered builder Edward Morgan and it was filled with stone, bricks, pre-drilled concrete, wooden blocks and plant material.

All these materials have been donated by local businesses or sourced from the trust's own nature reserves.

Inmates at Maidstone Prison built many of the internal component parts of the structure in their workshops. On the day, the team put the structure, which measures 5m long and 2.37m high, together.

■ GUIDED walks and mini-beast hunting are among the activities on offer at the county's biggest nature event.

The Festival of Wildlife is returning to the lakeside and woodland setting of Sevenoaks wildlife reserve and its visitor centre this weekend.

Event organiser Amanda Hamley said: "Bring a picnic if you wish and a camera, and discover the wonderful world of wildlife at one of the south east's most celebrated nature reserves."

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Learn the art of business with Crista

ARTISTIC FLAIR: Crista Cloutier means business in her workshops

ARTISTS can get to grips with the business world by taking part in a special workshop in Tunbridge Wells.

Although the life of an artist might seem far removed from the world of commerce, even creative people need to know how to make a living from their passion. Art consultant Crista Cloutier invites Kent artists to join her for a one-day workshop at the Wobblybridge Art Gallery, where she hopes to equip them with some key tools for a successful career.

Cloutier hails from America and while running her own award-winning gallery in Phoenix, Arizona, she frequently came across this problem.

"One of the things they don't teach you in art school is how to handle your business as an artist," she said. "I see it all the time. When you look at art schools, the number of people who actually go on to be working artists is very few. I worked a lot with university students when I had the gallery and they just asked so many questions, I realised they were not being prepared. They didn't really know what would happen after graduation. They'd been in a rarefied world where someone was telling them what to make and how to make it, but they had no idea how to price the work or get into a gallery."

Cloutier also ran an art publishing company in the US for 10 years, before love brought her to Tunbridge Wells. This means she has seen the art world from the perspective of both a gallery owner and an art-seller, so she understands the need for artists to have business acumen.

"From what I understand, classes like this in the past have been subsidised, so people are not used to one-off workshops like this," she said. "People in the States are more likely to take these classes than in England. But we need to get people to take the leap and see it as an investment in their career."

Cloutier divides her time between the US and Tunbridge Wells, but the opening of the Wobblybridge Art Gallery earlier this year led to exciting new possibilities.

"I do the workshop in the States and when Paul Leeson opened the gallery, we started chatting about different ideas," she said. "He was excited about it and the idea of it becoming a regular thing, because there are so many artists in the area."

Artists who take part in the workshop will learn important skills like how to approach galleries, how to market their work to the public and how to reach their career goals.

"If this works, I would love to do more, because I just love connecting with artists and helping them to find their passion."

• ***The Working Artist takes place on Saturday, August 28, and costs £125. To find out more, visit www.theworkingartist.co.uk or call 01892 548260.***

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KOS Media has launched its new app for the Apple iPad, a first for a regional newspaper.

The much-hyped iPad, a tablet computer with a nine inch screen, has offered a new way for people to read their news since it was released by Apple two months ago.

Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, said: "As soon as we knew the iPad was set for release, we began working on an app with our developers PageSuite.

"I am extremely pleased with the new app, it will offer huge advantages to all our readers who have access to one."

The iPad app launch follows the success of KOS Media's news app for the Apple iPhone last year. The company was the first regional media group to give iPhone users access to its news in this way.

ON THE SCREEN: Archant's Adrian Jeakings, left, and Paul Stannard launch the new app for the Apple iPad

Both apps can be downloaded free from Apple's App Store. As well as the latest news, views and sport affecting Kent, it also allows users to search for jobs, homes and cars and even see the full e-edition of one of the 16 different KOS Media newspapers.

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It is not only Apple phone and tablet computer users who can get their news on the move, Nokia phone users can also download the Kent News app and a Kent Golf app direct from Nokia's Ovi Store.

Suspicious pair charged by police

TWO men have been accused of trying to break into a newsagents in Tunbridge Wells.

Alan Speed, 25, of Wedderburn Road, Barking, Essex, was charged with going equipped for theft and criminal damage, and Lee Williams, 30, of Marsh Green Road, Dagenham, also in Essex, was charged with driving offences and criminal damage.

They were arrested after police were called by a member of the public who reported suspicious activity near the newsagents in St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, at 12.30am on Monday.

Speed was remanded in custody to appear in court at a later date and Lee was released on bail to appear at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on Wednesday, September 8.

Band can go live in acoustic gig

AN UP-and-coming band will get the chance to play an acoustic set this bank holiday weekend.

Sevenoaks Town Council wants to hear from anyone interested in performing at the Vine Band Stand on Sunday, August 29, after a band booked to play cancelled.

This event is part of a series of free concerts, titled Summer Sundays, which have been running for the last few months at the band stand on the Vine Cricket Ground in Sevenoaks.

A council spokeswoman said: "We have had bands performing at the bandstand all summer, but we've had three cancellations suddenly, so thought it would be a good opportunity to offer a local band the chance to play.

"Anyone interested in showcasing their acoustic talent should call on 01732 459953 or email council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk."

Oil thieves siphoned home's fuel

THIEVES used a piece of piping to siphon oil from a domestic tank in the garden of a home.

Police have appealed for information after the theft from an address in Ide Hill, near Sevenoaks, overnight between Friday and Saturday, August 13-14.

Officers said a piece of piping measuring about double the diameter of a hosepipe was found nearby and is thought to have been used to drain the tank.

"Oil theft isn't a common occurrence," said Detective Constable Neil Martin. "But it does happen from time to time. Most householders who have storage tanks probably haven't given much thought to security so it might be prudent to do so.

"Defensive planting of a few well chosen plants and shrubs, putting a lockable cage around the tank, installing a valve security lock or an audible alarm which triggers when the level within the tank drops faster than it would under normal conditions are all measures that will deter thieves.

"There is a cost attached to these but it will be relatively small compared to the cost of refilling the tank.

"Advice is available from your neighbourhood officer and there are a number of websites with information."

Police would like to hear from anyone who noticed suspicious activity or a large vehicle parked in the area during the time of the theft.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call police on 01732 379217, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or to email appeals.westkent@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Don't ban our beds

Salons defend moderate use of tanning machines

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TANNING salon workers say an outright ban on sunbeds to reduce incidents of skin cancer would be too extreme a measure.

They argue that used in moderation solariums have health benefits, boosting the body's production of vitamin E and making people feel good, as well as easing skin conditions.

The salons agree with the new law stopping under 18s using sunbeds but say an outright ban would be too restrictive and unfair on well-run, responsible businesses.

Health campaigners are expected to launch a nationwide crusade against tanning salons next month and call for a ban on all sunbeds – even personal ones in homes.

The Society of Radiographers has tabled a motion at the annual TUC conference in Manchester calling on the Government to "restrict the use of sunbeds to clinical conditions", such as severe eczema.

The issue will also be raised at the same time at a major Cancer Care Conference in Manchester, as medical workers have become alarmed by incidents of skin cancer rising faster in Britain than in Australia – and particularly among 15 to 34-year-olds.

But Roz Beacham, a beauty therapist at Tansational in Tonbridge High Street, said irresponsible use of sunbeds combined with too much exposure on summer holidays or sunbathing in this country are to blame for the rise in skin cancer.

She said: "If you tan responsibly sunbeds should not be a problem, but some people use them and then go and lie in the sun all day, which we cannot be held accountable for.

"We do not allow people to over-use them in the salon and I agree that under 18s should not be allowed to use sunbeds.

"It's a matter of personal choice, but if people use sunbeds responsibly they are good for the skin, as they boost vitamin production and they make you feel good. This is why they are used for skin conditions like eczema and sclerosis.

"Everything in moderation is fine."

Katherine Tattersall, the owner of Belles A Bloom bridal shop in Silverdale Road, Tunbridge Wells, which has two sunbeds in the rear of its shop, agreed with this.

She said: "It is a matter of personal choice whether people use sunbeds or not, but going on them for a few minutes will boost vitamin levels in the skin and make people feel good.

"People with skin conditions are advised to come to us by their doctors, which shows in moderation they are good for you.

"The problem comes with over use. It is no different from lying in the sun – you should not do it for too long as you will suffer sunburn and risk getting skin cancer."

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Dirty eatery fined for poor hygiene

THE owners of a Chinese restaurant and take away have been fined more than £13,600 for breaking a string of hygiene regulations.

Environmental health inspectors found 15 areas at Kings Hill Palace in West Malling that were dirty and greasy with large build-ups of food debris, including the preparation area, walls and kitchen floor.

The owners, Toto Experience, were also found to be in breach of measures to protect food against contamination.

Food was stored uncovered and containers stacked directly on top of each other, dirt was flaking off the walk-in shelves directly above open cooked food and food was being stored in open cans. More horrors awaited inspectors as they found raw food stored next to and above cooked food, cooked seaweed in a box that had previously contained raw chicken, and a chopping block being used for both raw meat and cooked battered chicken.

Steven Ly, company secretary and manager of the Chinese restaurant, pleaded guilty to four offences at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on Tuesday and was fined a total of £13,638.

The chairman of the bench said: "For all the experience of catering in your family and your five years trading at this address, it is disappointing. We cannot allow your almost non-existent hygiene controls to continue. We note you have made some improvements and this must continue."

Inspectors from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's environmental health team visited the restaurant in March this year.

Annual art show

FRIENDS of St Mary's Parish Church in Goudhurst will stage their 25th annual art exhibition next weekend.

The event will take place on Friday, August 27, from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, August 28, from 10am to 5pm.

Entry will be free, with all exhibits for sale. There will also be craft demonstrations.

Looking to win

A VILLAGE is hoping for success in two competitions celebrating excellence.

Matfield Inn Store has reached the final in a contest to find the Kent Community Retailer of the Year, and the whole village has been shortlisted for Kent Village of the Year.

The results of both awards will be announced on September 15.

Farmers don't want another food scare

By **MIKE BENNETT**
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CATTLE farmers in west Kent fear public concerns about cloned animals will stop families eating British beef.

The farming community is divided on the ethics of cloning cows to genetically improve them. But they all agree that more research is needed and cloned animals should not be sold as meat or used to produce milk for sale until this has been completed.

Meat and dairy producers want to avoid another damaging health scare which could cripple their industry.

They have already been alarmed by headlines like 'Frankenstein Food' in the national press when it emerged that milk from the offspring of a cloned cow had been illegally sold on a supermarket shelf.

Supporters of the science have argued that Britain needs to be carrying out trials of cloning animals for public consumption to avoid falling behind farmers in the US and South America, where extensive research and development is taking place.

However, its opponents claim it is cruel and unethical, with the European Food Safety Authority in 2008 finding it compromised animal welfare – with cloned animals suffering pain and ill-health linked to miscarriages and organ defects.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, wants the cloning of cows to be stopped until full research has been carried out.

She said: "Whilst honesty and high production values are absolutely vital to us and our members, I think an emotive issue such as this requires a measured response.

"We all remember the devastating effect Edwina Curry's ill thought out comments about salmonella had in the egg industry.

"Milk from the direct offspring of a clone has been put on British shelves for sale and this is illegal.

"However the greater concern is that eight of these direct offspring of the same cloned cow were born in Britain and have gone on to produce a further 97 animals. There is currently no legislation against meat and milk from this next generation being supplied to UK consumers without special labeling.

"Genetically modified crops were rushed on to the supermarket shelves. Now the most important thing is for clone farming to be halted whilst proper consultation and research can take place, and Produced in Kent is happy to be part of any debate in this county."

Meat farmers Graham and Miranda Palmer, who have a herd of Aberdeen Angus beef cattle at a farm in Smarden, are familiar faces at the regular farmers markets in Tunbridge Wells, Horsmonden and Pembury.

They are concerned about the risk of a public scare about beef but are not against cloning in principle if it proves safe after thorough research and testing.

Mr Palmer said: "The last thing we need is more meat scares in this country.

"We will continue to produce our quality meat by traditional farming methods as we favour the natural process, but if in the future it is scientifically proved safe then we may accept it as positive progress if it will bring improvements to the industry."

But Tom Grand, of Commonwork Organic Dairy at Bore Farm, Chiddingstone, who produces milk from a Friesian Holstein herd, is strongly against meddling with nature.

He said: "From the animal welfare point of view I am against cloning. We could take advantage but we do not know the future.

"We work an organic farm where our ethics are for good animal welfare in terms of breeding and overall husbandry."

• ***What do you think of cow cloning? Email westkent@kosmedia.co.uk.***

Tunnel closure

MOTORISTS using the M25 were caught in long traffic jams for the second time in less than a week after part of the Dartford Tunnel was closed by a lorry crash.

Police said the lorry collided with a side railing and came to a stop inside the West Tunnel at the Dartford River Crossing just before 2pm on Thursday, August 12.

No other vehicles were involved in the incident. The lorry driver suffered minor injuries.

The tunnel was closed to allow the emergency services to remove the lorry from the tunnel, but was reopened at 3pm.

As a result, long tailbacks built up on the northbound carriageway of the motorway.

The tunnel closure followed the Queen Elizabeth II bridge at the Dartford River Crossing being closed for four hours the previous Friday after a vehicle fire and fuel spill, which resulted in 30-mile-long traffic jams on the Essex side and 10-mile-long jams on the other side stretching into west Kent.

Camp disbanded before eviction order executed

TRAVELLERS who set up an illegal camp next to the new multi-million pound European headquarters of a luxury watch company have been moved on.

There were violent clashes with security guards brought in to protect the Rolex complex in Kings Hill last week as more travellers tried to join the settlement.

But hours before a court eviction order was executed last weekend, the 17 caravans and 50 people left the four-acre site off Jubilee Way, on the Kings Hill business park near West Malling.

A spokesman for the site said the travellers are still believed to be in the area, so extra obstacles and bollards have been installed to prevent caravans getting back on to the private land.

Twenty-five caravans had driven on to the site next to the Rolex HQ on August 6.

Nine of these left immediately after being told by a security firm working for the owners of the business park that it would be seeking a court order for eviction.

But another 20 caravans tried to force their way on to the illegal camp on August 10, at 5pm, sparking violent scenes when they were turned away by security guards.

SECURITY: A roadblock was set up to prevent further travellers arriving

The travellers threatened the security staff and damaged barriers set up to stop more caravans getting on to the site.

The police were called during tense standoffs between the travellers and the site security on the Tuesday and the following day.

Security firm Precreate Solutions used mobile patrols with dog units working round the clock to stop more travellers getting to the illegal camp and built a roadblock at its entrance to allow cars and pedestrians in, but not caravans.

The Rolex HQ in Kings Hill has been reported as being empty now, but staff are expected to move into the site next month.

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THE first 100 days of the coalition Government have seen an erosion of animal protection measures, an animal rights group has alleged.

Animal Aid, based in Tonbridge, hit out at steps taken by the Conservative-Liberal administration, which have included cost-cutting by reducing veterinary cover at livestock markets and reducing regulations on blood-sports.

The campaign group's director Andrew Tyler said: "The appointment of the first ever hunting and shooting minister, Jim Paice, was an unmistakable clue as to the new Government's intentions and it seems the Liberal Democrat element can't or won't rein in the Tories.

"The commitment to repealing the Hunting Act is the most high profile part of the Government's anti-animal welfare package. But badgers, animals at markets, game birds and animals in circuses are also under threat."

The animal protection group also hit out at plans to start culling badgers next summer to deal with bovine TB. The previous administration had opposed a cull and had introduced a trial vaccination of badgers in six areas, which has now been scaled back to one, Mr Tyler said.

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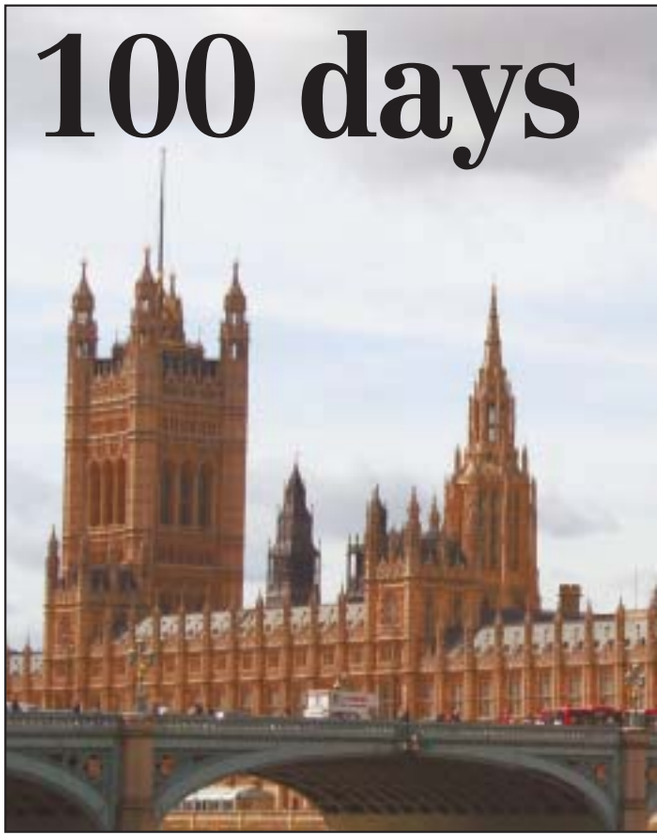

THIS week saw Britain's first coalition government since the Second World War complete 100 days in office.

To mark the milestone, MPs and party activists were asked to share their views on how the administration is shaping up so far and what the future may hold.

After the initial uncertainty that followed the General Election and the flurry of top level meetings, the Conservative-Liberal coalition was launched with a sun-drenched press conference in the Downing Street Rose Garden.

New Prime Minister David Cameron stood side-by-side with new Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and there was a sense of hope that with the historic power-sharing deal the country was seeing the dawn of a new kind of politics.

This was tempered by the knowledge of the daunting task that lay ahead – to tackle the massive budget deficit and also bring together two different parties with contrasting policies.

Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells and minister for decentralisation, said: "It's obviously early days in the life of a Government, but from what I've seen it is working well together.

"It is a historical joining of two parties who fought against each other in the General Election but have shown they can come together in the national interest."

It has been an eventful 100 days, with radical changes to education, reorganisation of the health service, welfare and benefits, and shake-ups to policing and criminal justice announced.

There have already been cuts, with the building schools for the future programme axed to name but one and the promise of more pain to come in the public sector with the Comprehensive Spending Review in October.

But response to the coalition has in the most part remained positive despite criticism that the fast and deep cuts are likely to hit the poorest and most vulnerable hardest, and could lead to a double-dip recession.

"A lot of people in and around Tunbridge Wells have said they have respect for what the coalition is trying to do – put their differences aside to deal with our problems," Mr Clark said.

"It is certainly true the cuts are going to be painful for everyone, but I think there is a recognition this has to be done and if we leave it things will be worse.

"I do not know whether it will mean the Government becomes less popular, but there is recognition that we started in a bad state and that is the reason we had to come together.

"We have been elected to do this, even if the decisions are not popular they will still be recognised as the right thing to do."

Liberal Democrat activist Alan Bullion was the party's parliamentary candidate for Sevenoaks in the May General Election.

"On the whole I am highly encouraged by the first 100 days," he said. "We are living in hard times and there will inevitably be uncomfortable cuts, but a Labour Government would also have had to make these, despite the breezy rhetoric of the leadership contenders.

Influence

"I think the Lib Dems are having a real influence on policy and tempering some of the wilder excesses of the Conservatives."

Among the first casualties of the Government's spending cuts were school capital projects, which hit plans for a multi-million pound new building for Knole Academy in Sevenoaks.

"Of course the forthcoming cuts are going to hit people hard," Mr Bullion said. "I am pleased however that Skinners Academy in Tunbridge Wells has got the green light for its new buildings, and I am campaigning for Knole

# of coalition

Jenna Pudelek speaks to the political leaders in west Kent to ask how they think the coalition Government has done in forging new ground in modern politics as it reaches its first milestone

HAPPY SO FAR: West Kent Conservative MPs Greg Clark and Sir John Stanley

Academy to get its badly needed new-build."

The coalition's plans for health include putting GPs in charge of NHS commissioning and a £80 billion budget.

"I think the shake-up for primary care trusts is long overdue," Mr Bullion added. "I campaigned hard during the election for more dedicated Parkinson's nurses for west Kent, but the PCT was noticeably unresponsive. We need more front-line care and less bureaucracy in the NHS."

Sir John Stanley, the Conservative MP for Tonbridge and Malling, said he thought the parties had "cemented together" better than most people expected.

"I think it has gone very well given this was a wholly novel experience for both parties," he said. "The degree of policy agreement is really quite remarkable. Obviously there has to be compromise.

"These are the circumstances of what I think to be most severe economic situation in the post-war period, it is absolutely in the national interest that this country has a Government with a clear policy programme and which has a clear majority in the House of Commons to take this country forward. It would be dangerous to have anything else."

But Sir John acknowledged there were tough times ahead for the coalition.

"It only tends to be when people's lives get directly affected that they really start reacting," he said. "It is going to be some time before the reality of the debt reduction programme and public expenditure come through into people's lives – that is going to be a tougher time for the Government."

However, like Mr Clark he thought the public were aware and understood why the deficit had to be reduced.

But a leading Labour activist in west Kent said it was too early to say whether the coalition Government was proving effective.

James Parish, secretary of the Labour Party in Tonbridge and Malling, said: "We have not heard the real results of their discussions about cuts and that will inevitably come with the autumn review.

"A lot of Lib Dem backbenchers are wondering what they have got themselves into. There have been a number of slip-ups, particularly on the education side there was an amateurish attitude to government putting out incorrect information not once but twice."

"I think people will realise, while they seem to be happy with a lot of the coalition's activities at the moment, they will come to rue the day the Government came to power."

He said Labour had not been as effective in opposition as it could be due to the leadership elections.

"I think it is understandable that the party has not been as adept as it normally is in opposition, but that will change in October."

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'Life's about seizing new opportunities'

In an exclusive interview, Taywells owner Alistair Jessels tells Mike Bennett why he is selling his farm and closing his fresh-produce shop in Goudhurst, and reveals his fears for the future of farming in the Garden of England

FRUITS OF HIS LABOURS: Alistair Jessels in the Goudhurst shop he has sold to concentrate on his ice cream business

ENTREPRENEUR Alistair Jessels says farmers are being forced out of business by supermarkets, short-sighted planning authorities and people moving to the country.

The prominent farmer, who opened shops in Tunbridge Wells and Goudhurst to sell his fresh produce, has decided to call it a day on the shops in the face of all the barriers put in the way of making his business work during tough times for farming.

He fears the farming industry in Kent is on its last legs, so after six years of making his 300-plus acre Bockingfold fruit farm a success, he has decided to sell up and concentrate on new business ventures.

Mr Jessels has sold the land and buildings on the fruit farm, his farmhouse is under offer and he expects his farm shop, surrounded by 13 acres, in Goudhurst to be sold soon.

Instead he will opt for a new home on a 20-acre smallholding at Sissinghurst, which he plans to plant with raspberries.

But one thing is certain, we have not heard the last of the outspoken multi-award-winning businessman, who is determined to prove his doubters wrong by bouncing back with new ventures.

Ice cream

He says he will now concentrate on expanding his Taywell ice-cream business, which he launched in 2004 as a spin-off from his farm business, to use up excess fruit.

His ice-cream sales are up 30 per cent year-on-year, with the 40 flavours proving a hit with hotels, restaurants and farm shops – making him the biggest producer in Kent.

In a typically bold move, he now plans to double turnover by marketing the ice-cream on the internet with delivery across Kent and the East Sussex borders at trade prices.

He claims it will save customers up to £12 on minimum orders and will work because the housewife is reluctant to buy in bulk from the supermarket because of problems of melting en route to the home freezer.

With his production line at Goudhurst now sold, he will be based on a Paddock Wood industrial estate, where he is building offices, 4,000 sq ft kitchens and freezer facilities, and taking his current staff of six with him.

He said: "Farming is being crushed by the supermarkets, as well as ignorant country-dwellers. People who seek rural life are killing it. How can people make the choice of buying local if residents hamper production.

"Those selfish actions will lead to the collapse of a traditional industry, with entrepreneurs like me, prepared to invest in the development needed to survive, pulling out."

Over the years he has faced complaints ranging from opposition to building developments to early-morning tractor noise and the way farm waste is composted.

"Farm income is on its knees. Country life is being killed, turning villages into soulless places where tractors will be banned and all unpleasant smalls eradicated."

As the second son, he knew his father's farm would be passed to his brother George, now chairman of Kent County Agricultural Society and a deputy lieutenant of Kent, so he took scant interest in the industry.

Instead he studied accountancy before launching a career as a salesman and found the world of business dealing a passion.

He specialised in the stone industry, starting a company in 1991. By 1998 it was one of the largest suppliers in the south of England.

Mr Jessels sold that business but still owns a tile factory in Derbyshire, where he has spent the past five years fighting for permission to turn 21,000 tonnes of waste food and green waste into organic compost.

He also has a commercial and residential property portfolio, and a flat and offices in central London.

Clearly a man who thrives on challenges, he said: "Steering any business through tough times shows greater skills than during the boom periods.

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■ DESPITE his infectious enthusiasm, not all the projects launched by Alistair Jessels have proved successful.

He was convinced that Tunbridge Wells residents would welcome local produce with low food miles, so he opened a farm produce store and juice bar in the High Street last autumn. It did well in the run-up to Christmas but started to fail in the New Year, so he closed it in June after five months running at a loss.

He said: "I couldn't get to grips with where we failed, but turnover was only 60 per cent of that of the small Goudhurst farm shop and I was paying £71,000 a year for rent and rates.

"My conclusion was that the good people of the town were not prepared to carry their produce as there was no car-parking at the shop and they could not just load it into their boot."

When his grandfather died in 1977 he was left his farm, with 80 acres of hops and 60 acres of orchards, and found tenants for it as he expanded his business interests.

Based in Dubai, in 2005 he was forced to return to England when his tenant quit as he was unable to make a living running the farm, and Mr Jessels found himself landlord of a fruit farm nobody wanted.

"Although I had no experience, I love a challenge, so I thought I'd try to turn it around. I only considered having a go at farming until something better turned up.

"I decided to invest and expand, buying up more land and planting crops not for supermarkets, but to sell in a farm shop."

He converted the oast house and farm buildings into homes that were sold, and renovated the farm cottages to let out.

Then he built the farm shop in Goudhurst followed by the launch into ice-cream making and juice production.

Exotic

With global warming, he also became a pioneer of growing exotic fruit and experimenting with alternative crops, including melons, pears, tomarillo, tayberries and honeydew melons.

Always with an eye for opportunities, on his commute to the office he noticed that a Sissinghurst asparagus farm frequently had a sold-out notice up by mid-morning.

He immediately planted a crop and implemented a system to extend the season and the specialist vegetable became his highest percentage earning crop.

When another local farmer told him that he was sending his soft fruit for chilling in Devon, Mr Jessels identified another gap in the market and after a lengthy battle with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council gained permission for a £40,000 cold store.

He said: "Life is about seizing opportunities when they appear, then sweating hard to meet the challenges placed in your way.

"Now I am ready for the next phase and confident of my ability to transform the ice-cream market."

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Churchill's home to host anniversary event

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THE former home of Sir Winston Churchill will provide the backdrop to a concert to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

A Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast, original video footage and impressive special effects will take place to music by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the Medway Band at the event at Chartwell, near Westerham, on September 4.

Colin Hitchins, managing director of Biggin Hill-based organisers Synergy Events UK, said: "This concert will provide a unique opportunity for those attending to enjoy the spirit of the era while honouring those who fought in the Battle of Britain at one of the most iconic of venues.

Unique

"This event will commemorate the Battle of Britain in an entertaining and unique way. Members of the Churchill family and Dame Vera Lynn have also been invited."

Special effects will be provided by Charlie Adcock, who brought wartime history to life in the recent Channel 4 TV show Blitz Street.

The organisers said that he will use his experience to recreate the sights and sounds of the Battle of Britain, with effects set to take the audience back to the darkest days of 1940.

He will be recreating life in the Kent countryside under repeated attacks from the Luftwaffe for the first time.

"This is an exceptional opportunity. Recreating the feel of The Blitz as part of the live performance is going to be a tough job," Mr Adcock said.

"Blitz Street was a very enjoyable project but nothing beats performing live. We've already started working on some new special effects for the concert and the public are in for a treat."

An RAF navigator who plotted safe routes for Churchill and King George VI as they flew to official duties during the Second World War will be at the concert to sign copies of his recently published autobiography.

Air Commodore John Mitchell was mobilised at the outbreak of the war in 1939 as an RAF volunteer reserve officer and just missed out on joining a battle squadron in France, which would have given him slim chance of survival.

He was instead posted to 58 Squadron, flying Whitleys, and survived a tour of operations in 1940-41 which included his plane ditching into the North Sea.

For this tour he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and was sent to the US, where he helped develop the first navigation training simulators with the Link Trainer factory. His work on this saw him awarded the US Legion of Merit, signed by US President Harry Truman.

After returning to the UK in 1942, he was personally selected to join the crew of Churchill's private aircraft, one of the early prototype Avro Yorks, called Ascalon.

For two years he navigated Churchill to conferences around the world. He also flew General Lyon, the military codename for George VI, on several occasions, for which he received a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) medal from the sovereign.

After the war he enjoyed an eventful career as an air attaché and was senior navigation officer for the long-range exercises over the Pole in the converted Lincoln, Aries III.

The life story of Air Cmdre Mitchell, entitled Churchill's Navigator, was written by Sean Feast, who will also be at the commemorative concert from 3pm.

The grounds at Chartwell are open to ticket-holders in the afternoon and audience members have been invited to bring picnics.

A limited number of tickets are on sale at www.synergyeventsuk.com.

This concert is priced at £32 per person, plus £2 booking fee per order. For hospitality and coach bookings, call 01959 572277.

GLORIOUS: Chartwell, above left, was cherished by the wartime leader, above right

Flypast celebrates Britain's finest hour

A COLLECTION of historic fighter planes was due to fly over air stations in Kent which played a key part in the Battle of Britain.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight was scheduled to make an aerial tour of the county on Friday and land at Biggin Hill Airport, near Westerham.

The two Spitfire and two Hurricane fighters were due to fly over Second World War airfields at North Weald, West Malling, Detling, Rochester, Manston, Hawkinge, Gravesend, and also Redhill, Kenley and Croydon in Surrey.

The flypast was being held to mark the 70th anniversary of Prime Minister Winston Churchill making his famed speech in the House of Commons in which he praised the bravery of The Few on August 20, 1940.

Of the heavily outnumbered RAF pilots who took on the German Luftwaffe in the skies about Kent, Churchill, who lived at Chartwell, near Westerham, said: "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight includes a Spitfire Mk IIa, a Spitfire Mk Vb, a Hurricane Mk I and a Hurricane Mk IIC.

It is based at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, from where it will head to Kent for the fly-overs before stopping off at Biggin Hill and then heading back to its base.

ONE OF THE FEW: A Spitfire flies overhead

A spokesman for Biggin Hill Airport said: "RAF Biggin Hill was very much at the centre of the air battle during the summer of 1940 and it is fitting that the famous fighters are to land at the airport and show local support for this significant anniversary."

The aerial battle is heralded as a turning point of the Second Word War as, without aerial dominance, Hitler was prevented from mounting a planned invasion of Britain.

Churchill dubbed the battle, which raged over Kent from July 10 to October 31, 1940, Britain's "finest hour".

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Kids get wartime spirit at Ightham

YOUNG visitors to a historic attraction will discover what it was like on the Home Front during the Second World War.

The event at Ightham Mote, a Grade I-listed moated manor house dating from the 14th century, will include air raid warden and stirrup pump, which were used to put out fires during the war, training.

Make-do-and-mend workshops for clothes and washing demonstrations will take place, as well as dressing up, garden games and model aeroplanes.

The event will take place on Thursday from 11am to 4pm.

For more information and admission details, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ighthammote.

YOUNGSTERS became park rangers for the day as they built bird boxes at Haysden Country Park.

The children and teenagers were creating new homes for bird families as part of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's Summer Activate programme.

The young people were supervised by the park ranger team at Haysden in Tonbridge as part of the programme, which aims to offer more unusual activities this summer – including windsurfing, tree-jumping, film-making, fencing, special effects and character make-up.

Farage doesn't rule out UKIP leadership

By **MARIJKE COX**
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HE STEPPED down to fight for a seat in the House of Commons while retaining his position as MEP in Europe, flitting back and forth from Brussels to England.

But one plane crash and a parliamentary defeat later, Nigel Farage has admitted he is not ruling out the possibility of leading the UK Independence Party (UKIP) once more.

It follows the resignation of Lord Pearson of Rannoch, who quit the top spot this week after admitting he was "not much good at party politics".

Mr Farage, who grew up in Bromley and lives in Westerham, near Sevenoaks, said: "I'm sorry about his decision. Lord Pearson gave the party great credibility, the finances were in good shape and he was a great member of the House of Lords for 20 years.

"But if he was going to stand down, now was the right time. He came out honestly and said it wasn't right for him."

Mr Farage, one of the founding members of UKIP, told KOS Media he had not thought fully about standing for leadership, but he would not rule out the possibility.

"I honestly have no idea yet what I want to do," he said.

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POTENTIAL LEADER: MEP Nigel Farage

"I have to make a decision as to how fit and strong I am after my accident and also the fact that I am a member of the European Parliament.

"It was damn hard being leader before while being an MEP. It's a tough job leading any party, but being in Europe at the same time was difficult."

On May 6, the day of the General Election, Mr Farage was pulled semi-conscious from a plane wreckage after a light aircraft towing a UKIP banner crashed at an airfield near Brackley.

The 46-year-old, who was contesting Speaker John Bercow's seat in Buckingham, was taken to hospital with injuries which are still plaguing him today.

He said: "I need to decide whether I'm strong enough to stand for leadership and strong enough to do it – I'm still having problems with my back and have another operation due later this year.

"I'll make an announcement at the UKIP conference, which is in a couple of weeks."

Mr Farage, who was elected MEP for South East England in 1999, became leader of UKIP in 2006.

He stepped down in 2009 to concentrate on contesting the Buckingham seat, but remained a serving MEP.

"I don't miss being leader," he said. "There are two types of people in the world; the people that want to be and the people that are happy not being. I think I fall into the latter category."

He added: "I think for whoever becomes leader, the next big step for UKIP is the local elections.

"But whether I'm leader or not I'm going to work to get UKIP on Kent's political map."

Search is on for forgotten soldier

A PARISH council is seeking information about a forgotten soldier who died during the First World War.

As part of the restoration of Brenchley War Memorial, the village's historical society researched the names carved into it about 80 years ago.

Brenchley and Matfield Historical Society discovered the name of Private Arthur George Dumbrell, of Pixot Hill, was missing, while his brother John, who died earlier during the war, was commemorated.

Now the parish council is seeking information about the forgotten man so that he can be included and any relatives invited when the memorial is re-dedicated on Remembrance Sunday.

Anyone with information about him is asked to call the parish clerk Mike Mackenzie on 01892 832952.

Villagers thank community hero

A LOCAL hero has been recognised with an award after being nominated by villagers.

Micky Kennard, who is well-known in Lamberhurst for wearing cowboy shirts and red neckware, has been presented with a special certificate to mark his community-spirited efforts.

These include collecting and delivering logs to the elderly, and helping with shopping and transport for the homebound.

He also looks after the hoppers huts, which are part of the village heritage, making certain they are kept in good condition and not vandalised.

Glad to be alive after big African adventure

HE WAS robbed, shot at and pelted with stones, but Spencer Conway still became the first man ever to complete a solo circumnavigation of Africa by motorbike.

The pioneering petrol-head clocked up 34,000 miles travelling through 34 countries in nine months, and even managed to raise £25,000 for Save the Children.

Now safely back home in Biddenden, the 42-year-old admits there were times he felt he would never see Kent again.

He said: "The low point was being shot at by three Kenyans with AK47 rifles. I waved to them and one opened fire, shooting out the bike's back wheel.

"I fell and saw them run towards me from the hill they were on. I clambered back on the bike and rode away.

"After a couple of miles I was exhausted and fell into a ditch where I lay for an hour-and-a-half. That was really depressing.

"A week later it really hit me how close I was to being shot dead – I felt so alone and needed someone to talk to. I thought I was going to be shot in the back as I rode away.

"I was later told they had probably run out of bullets. Guns are very cheap, but ammunition is very expensive."

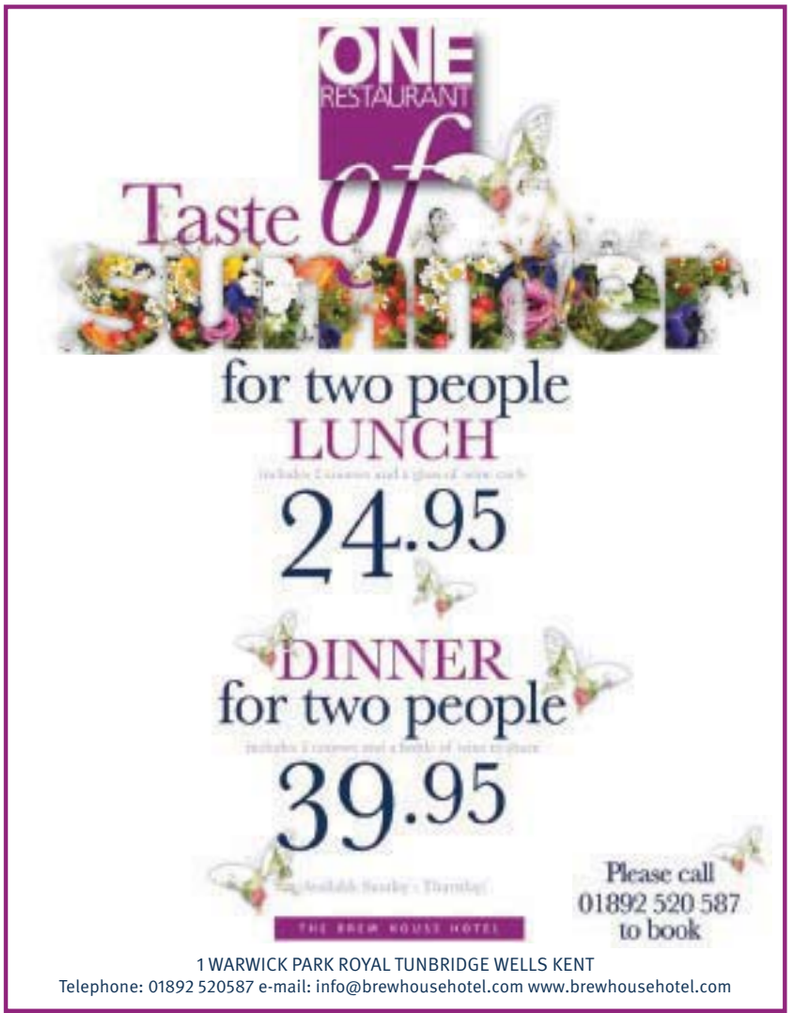
Gun-toting bandits were not the only perils Spencer faced on his mammoth journey, which took him through Europe, across north Africa to Ethiopia, down to South Africa and up the west coast to the Mediterranean, crossing to Spain, France and then home.

WELCOME RETURN: Spencer Conway and his bike are reunited with his daughters

The former teacher was also pelted with stones by villagers in Egypt and robbed in Namibia, but admits the stories will come in handy when he embarks on a tour of schools to speak to children about his adventures.

Spencer said a major highlight was when he finally emerged from 11 hours of hacking his way through 11 miles of dense jungle with a machete, to find a hut that was actually the border post in the Congo that had not been used by anyone in four years.

He said: "That was a big high point. I felt I had earned my miles on that stretch, rather than just cruise down a tarmac road."



Intrepid explorer JANE CONNOLLY takes a wander past Knole Park and up to the

The deer way to spend

SETTING out from the car park at the foot of One Tree Hill, I was particularly looking forward to this walk.

A major part of the route would take us through the deer park at Knole, something which was sure to add a touch of excitement to any Sunday ramble. The thought of seeing deer at reasonably close quarters – and actually roaming through the parkland, rather than clustering around visitors in Knole's car park – was really something to look forward to and I would not be disappointed.

We headed away from One Tree Hill and very shortly we entered the Knole estate through a gate in the deer fence. Having not walked in the park before, I was impressed by how beautiful and well-maintained it is. The walking is mostly easy and fairly level, on tarmac or sandy paths for much of the way.

Before too long the great, atmospheric house hove into view and although Knole was fairly busy with visitors, I was struck once again by the silence in this windy, aloof location. The path leads around the garden walls and offers the chance to peer in through huge railings, giving a peek at areas you might not usually see on a flying visit to the house itself.

There were plenty of deer to be seen, nosing in the bushes, though it was a bit distressing to see how many parents failed to stop their children from tormenting the nervous creatures.

After crossing a golf course, we reluctantly left the estate and headed into the picturesque village of Godden Green, with its convenient pub if you are feeling like a pit stop.

From then on, there are some brief stretches walked on roads, which I find dull, but they are generally short and tend to be followed by enjoyable climbs or plunges through dense woodland. In Lord's Spring Wood, there is a particularly atmospheric defile which takes you steeply downhill in rather gothic style before emerging into the sunlight again.

After walking downhill from Rooks Hill House, we hauled ourselves up some treacherous-looking steps to regain the height of Rooks Hill and started out on the final stretch – the ridge leading onto One Tree Hill. Although care should be taken here in wet weather, as the ridge falls away very steeply to your left, glimpses of the fantastic view can be seen through the trees. When we arrived at the top of One Tree Hill to enjoy its famous viewpoint, we were not disappointed.

Entertainingly, we spent several minutes hunting around for the 'granite beach' described in the guide book, expecting to see some natural phenomenon in the rock, before realising it was a typo and the book was in fact referring to the granite bench from which walkers could enjoy the fantastic view.

Once that mystery was cleared up, the vista made a rewarding end to this pleasantly challenging walk.

FACT FILE

Knole, Godden Green and One Tree Hill

- There were 700 deer parks in the country in the 16th century, but very few have survived and Knole Park is the only one to have remained from 500 years ago.
- In the Great Storm of 1987, Knole lost 70 per cent of its trees. But over the next five years, the sixth Lord Sackville ensured the 1,000 acres were replanted at a cost of £1 million.
- Knole is open from Wednesday to Sunday until October 31. For more on visiting the house call 01732 450608 or see www.nationaltrust.org.uk.
- Although no evidence has been found to support the theory, it is believed One Tree Hill is the site of a Roman cemetery.
- One Tree Hill provides a habitat for some unusual molluscs, such as Rolfs door snail and a point snail (Acicula fusca). The area was also the first recorded place in Britain to play host to a large slug, the Tandonia rustica.

THE ROUTE

- The walk is six miles long and takes three hours to complete.
- Walkers can park at the free National Trust car park at One Tree Hill, but there is only space for about 20 cars, so early arrival is recommended.
- Refreshments are available at Knole's tearoom when the house is open and also at the Buck's Head pub in Godden Green.
- The Ordnance Survey maps for the area are Landranger 188 (Maidstone & Royal Tunbridge Wells) and Explorer 147 (Sevenoaks & Tonbridge).
- Pathfinder® Guide Kent is published by Crimson Publishing, priced at £11.99.

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top of One Tree Hill a day

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STUNNING: Clockwise from left, you can see the deer at Knole Park, enjoy the far-reaching views from One Tree Hill and the duck pond at Godden Green, or simply meander through an avenue of oak trees in Knole Park

The Bard made simple

THEATRE-lovers in Sevenoaks can be the first in the country to enjoy the new show from award-winning Shakespeare for Kidz, S4K, ***writes Jon Coates***.

The professional Oxted-based company has revived its hit musical adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which starts its UK and international tour on September 14 in Mansfield. But, after rehearsing there, S4K will preview the production at The Stag Theatre on Saturday, September 11, at 2pm.

The community venue in London Road, Sevenoaks, has been chosen for the trial run of the magical, enchanting play of eloping lovers, feuding fairies and a sprite called Puck.

The S4K cast will feature some company favourites, including Sean Luckham as Bottom, Noel Andrew Harron as Puck and Richard Munday as Oberon. He is one of the acclaimed line-up of Twelve Tenors.

The adaptation is one of six S4K titles, following on from the 2009/10 national and international hit tour of Macbeth.

Every S4K show uses the whole Shakespearean plot but only the most famous original lines and slots them into modern language so that everyone – even the youngest primary school children – can understand.

There are also songs, dances and lots of spellbinding effects as the fairies create a world of wonder in the woods.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children under 16. Family tickets costing £10 will admit either two adults plus two under 16s or one adult with three under 16s. Students also qualify for the child rate.

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Let's make the best of a bad job

I TAKE my hat off this week to UK Independence Party leader Lord Pearson of Rannoch after his announcement that he is to stand down after less than a year in the position.

In his resignation statement, Lord Pearson said he was "not much good" at party politics and UKIP "deserved a better politician… to lead it".

I don't claim to be a political commentator, and have no allegiance to his party, so I'm not in a position to comment on whether he is much good at politics or not, but I do congratulate him on good grace in admitting defeat.

It may well be that he's 'jumped before he was pushed' from the job, I've no idea, but what does remain is that he has held his hands up and walked away from a high-profile, and no doubt well-paid position.

It made me immediately wonder if there aren't loads of other people who are in similar jobs who perhaps aren't as honest.

I can almost bet there are many of you reading this who know of people in positions of authority who possibly couldn't 'manage' their way out of the front door.

Personally, I've been lucky enough to work with some amazing bosses. Some I still hold in great regard.

ON THE JOB: It's all in a day's work for happy employees

One that springs to mind is Michael Bukht, who I had the pleasure of working with at a radio station in the 1980s here in Kent. Michael was a strong and formidable character, incredibly honest, (some may say harsh – yet to my mind always fair).

One of my fondest memories was when he allowed me as unofficial entertainments officer to organise a staff trip to a recording of ITV's The Price is Right.

Coach hired, the entire staff of the radio station boarded and set off, all fired up with hope of meeting Lesley Crowther and winning the week's showcase of prizes.

In fact one of our party was lucky enough to be picked – company accountant Greg – who in typical money man style when called to "come on down", managed to get every single price wrong and won absolutely nothing.

I often wonder how many other bosses would have allowed us to do that. But Michael was a firm believer in boosting staff morale and he discreetly turned a blind eye to his team skiving off for the day.

I'm not suggesting that should be a regular occurrence and I know that many firms could not afford such a luxury.

But I do believe work should not only be a place of industry, but should, as it can consume such a large proportion of our day, also be something we enjoy.

Surely we should work to live and not live to work?

It may be that I'm in the minority and am lucky enough to really enjoy my job, which is conducive to a happy lifestyle, but I always wonder what would have happened if I had followed my original career choice of working on the pick 'n' mix counter in Woolworths.

Special venues bring education out of classroom

By **MARIJKE COX**
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QUIRKY outdoor education centres ranging from a barge in Belgium to a mountain centre in Wales are being used to keep children learning through the summer holidays.

The five venues, run by Kent County Council's youth service, provide activities to help youngsters develop life skills and gain confidence out of the classroom.

They include a residential centre at Bewl Water near Lamberhurst and Swattenden outdoor and residential centre in Cranbrook.

Gess Aird, assistant head of the Kent Youth Service, said for many children this type of learning is crucial.

"I think it's just as valuable as work inside the classroom," she said.

"Some children struggle with a formal setting, but this kind of education allows them to tackle different types of challenges and they go back to school with new skills."

The other three venues are Kent Mountain Centre in Wales, the New Petra Dutch Barge in Belgium and Kearsney campsite in Dover.

They offer varied activities from sailing to mountain climbing and provide accommodation for visitors.

Bewl Water offers specialist courses in dinghy sailing, rock climbing, canoeing, team-building and orienteering, while Swattenden is often used for those completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Ms Aird said: "Some children who go to the centres are from backgrounds where they haven't had the opportunity to do some of these things.

"The feedback we get is always positive."

The self-funded centres are available for everybody and the local authority is encouraging groups and families to get involved.

Exciting

There is also a range of activities for young people in Tunbridge Wells being offered by the youth service.

Area youth officer Theresa Seal said: "The service offers a range of exciting and fun activities, including day and residential trips, international exchanges, courses from First Aid to DJing and access to local youth clubs.

"We run youth activities across the borough and youth clubs are also run from Oakley School in Tunbridge Wells.

"We're also developing a mobile project to take activities all over the Tunbridge Wells area, running from the autumn.

"Young people can find out what's going on by contacting us on 01622 221678."

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Chevening opens gates for Demelza

SUMMER FUN: A freshly painted Keira Chambers hides among the delicious cakes, while Storm Troopers keep an eye on the crowd

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HUNDREDS of people enjoyed a summer garden party held in the grounds of a government country mansion to raise funds for a children's hospice.

The gardens of the Chevening Estate, near Sevenoaks, were opened to the public on Sunday, August 8, for the event in aid of Demelza.

Stewards dressed as Imperial Storm Troopers from the Stars Wars films patrolled the grounds of the 'grace-and-favour' mansion, which is traditionally used by the foreign secretary, to keep the crowds in order.

There were stalls selling craft items, cakes, plants and refreshments.

Children were able to get their faces painted or explore the estate's maze.

The guests were also allowed to wander around the 27 acres of grounds at the £15 million property, which, since the formation of the coalition Government in May, has been shared as a country residence by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Foreign Secretary William Hague.

The garden party raised £3,769 for Demelza, a hospice in Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, for terminally ill children across Kent and East Sussex.

The hospice helps hundreds of children with life-limiting conditions and their families through respite and end-of-life care.

Community fundraiser Karen Warner said: "A huge thank you must go to the board of trustees of the Chevening Estate for allowing us to have a garden party in such exclusive surroundings.

"Thanks also to the hundreds of people who came along and made it such a success."

FACT FILE

Demelza Kent is an eight-bedded hospice in Sittingbourne, providing respite, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support.

Life-limited children and their families benefit from a wide range of facilities that include a multi-sensory room, Jacuzzi and an 'Inclusion Zone' for young adults.

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JON COATES

Running for my youth

I SEEM to have caught a condition that is making me want to take on crazy challenges.

I'm calling it charityitus, but others might call it men reaching their mid to late 30s and thinking 'I've only got a few more years until I'm 40'.

So as a result I've got this irrepressible urge to do all those physical feats I've always talked about – while raising money for good causes of course.

After seeing a succession of friends of a similar age take up doing triathlons, run marathons or complete a stage of the Tour De France, I seem to have caught the bug on a lesser scale… for now.

My unhealthy journalist's lifestyle of eating food on the run or while glued to a computer at a desk and doing no exercise, combined with enjoying a few pints or a good bottle of red had started the onset of early middle-age spread around the waistline.

So I ventured into the gym in January for the first time in longer than I care to remember and started a fitness regime I've actually managed to stick to.

After seeing my editor Chris Britcher complete a 26-mile walk in the Yorkshire Dales earlier this year and then our sports editor Glenn Pearson do a 100-mile cycle challenge shortly after, I thought I had better join the club.

So when a friend suggested a 14-mile run racing a steam train in the Welsh Hills I gleefully accepted… without thinking it through.

Now I haven't run more than a couple of miles in the last 15 years, so it was a great relief when last month my friend told me he would not be able to do the challenge as he would be overseas on business.

I feigned disappointment and then signed up for a 10K run for Hospice in the Weald in Tunbridge Wells next month, so at least I was doing something.

I seem to have told lots of people this is a trial run for doing a marathon next year, which I've always harboured an ambition to do once in my life.

The only problem is that I find running really boring and running just a couple of miles on a machine in a gym leaves me with sore shins.

But after getting quizzical looks from three people in the last week about not running regularly to be ready for the 10K, I'm going to take it seriously for the next month and follow a training plan.

Without thinking twice about it I have also agreed to do a 200ft freefall abseil from a crane over Bewl Water this Sunday, again for Hospice in the Weald.

I did a freefall abseil from 100ft during an adventure weekend with my school when I was 11, and so I thought 'no problem' when it was suggested.

Now with the day looming, I'm starting to have second thoughts… largely based on how do you get to the top of a 200ft high crane – is there a big metal ladder or do they lift you up on a hook?

I'll be writing about this in next weekend's paper, but in the meantime, I think I had better go for a run.

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Vision of new academy was under threat, says headteacher

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We'll do you proud

Through your columns, may I express my heartfelt thanks to your readers and many others who have offered their support to the Skinners' Kent Academy since it opened last September, and particularly over the past two months since the Government announced its intention to review our plans for a £21 million state of the art new building.

After extensive consultation, those plans have now been approved in full by the Secretary of State for Education, influenced, I believe, not only by the robustness of our business case, but also by the many messages of support I received from the people of Tunbridge Wells, including the many signatories of a petition that academy students presented to Downing Street in July in support of our plans.

As a result of this decision, we can now proceed with our plans to have this fantastic new facility ready for September 2012.

Tunbridge Wells desperately needs an all-ability community school which provides the very best facilities and opportunities for its students, and we will do our utmost to ensure it is one of which Skinners' Kent Academy students and the wider Tunbridge Wells community can be justly proud – they deserve it.

Sian Carr,
principal of Skinners' Kent Academy.

Spending is odd choice

I find it incredible that the council in these 'straightened' times is apparently going to pay around £10 million to purchase the empty Land Registry buildings whilst refurbishing the present Town Hall is estimated to cost around £5 million.

Why is it deemed necessary to locate right away from the centre of the town at such a vast cost?

The council and allied departments should be in the centre.

Alongside this decision seems to be another disastrous move – to close the Age UK centre in Camden Road.

I can only say that time after time the council seems to decide in a very strange way what benefits its citizens and I have lived here since 1966.

Judith Best,
Tunbridge Wells..

It should stay a cinema

How about concentrating on renovating the existing building and using it for its original purpose?

Curtain closing on bids as cinema site deadline looms

Why does every development have to be retail/business motivated. This could be a cracking little cinema once again, or a venue for local bands/stand ups to use.

It is superbly located, rather than the out-of-town cinema complex that you have to drive to.

The council should be picking the tab up for this. This site should never of been allowed to get into such a state of disrepair.

Jock Munro,
Paddock Wood.

Why is he so critical?

As a supporter of Animal Aid Tonbridge I cannot stand by while Roger Clarkson criticises this commendable established organisation in his letter published in your letters page on August 8. Perhaps he should find out more about Animal Aid and its wonderful work, before airing his views.

If Mr Clarkson wishes to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes eating meat, that is his affair. Everyone to their own.

The following words were often used by my late father, a master butcher – "one man's meat is another man's poison". Interpret that as you will.

I write as a strict vegetarian of many years standing, following in the footsteps of my late mother.

Thank you Animal Aid for all that you do, it is a privilege to have you in our midst.

Mary McNulty,
Brenchley.

Charity's meaty issue

I find the letter from Animal Aid published in your newspaper last week, which suggested

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Should sunbeds and tanning salons be banned to stop an increase in skin cancer?

- **Yes** – 92 per cent
- **No** – 8 per cent

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Stephane and Emily are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lois Stephanie Florance Coinon a sister for Anais and Charlotte. Lois was born at 2.18 pm on the Sixth August 2010 and weighed 11 lb 4oz.

COKER
Kylie Baker and Joe Coker of Ramsgate celebrating the birth of Mia Louise Coker on 11th August 2010.

DAVIS
Fin and Susan are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Reuben Anthony Robert Davis, on 23rd July 2010 weighing 8lb 2oz.

DUKE / NEAVES
James Duke and Tanya Neaves would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Maizie Ella, on Monday 2nd August 2010 at 7.15am, weighing 6lb 14oz.

HOLDEN
Anita and James Holden celebrate the birth of their son Johan on 12th August 2010.

KNIGHT / BRACHIO
Jayden Tyler born on 4th August 2010, weighing 6lbs 1oz. Son to Joanne Knight and Jordan Brachio in Maidstone.

RYAN / MILLEN
Sarah Ryan and Martin Millen celebrate the birth of their son Max Ryan Millen on 21st July 2010 weighing 5lbs 8oz.

RYAN / MILLEN
Sarah Ryan and Martin Millen celebrate the birth of their son Ashton George Millen on 21st July 2010 weighing 4lbs 14oz.

SPENCER-ROGERS
Lily-May Lena born on 11th August 2010 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 7lbs 3oz. Daughter to Daniel and Cherie Spencer-Rogers of St Marys Bay, sister to Oliver and Harvey.

THOMAS
Kayleigh and Mark are proud to announce the arrival of their first born child Jake Darran Thomas who was born on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 11.17 am weighing 8lb 4oz. First grandson to Barbara and Charlie Steer and Lorraine and Darran Fowdy

WHITE
Christopher and Donna White celebrate the birth of their daughter Jennifer Marie White on the 13th August 2010 weighing 7lbs 9oz.

DEATHS

CARROLL
Doris passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th August 2010. Sadly missed by her husband John, her daughter Gillian and grandaughters Tina and Kerry and great-grandchildren Keira, T.J and Alicia.

CRITTENDEN
Margaret Crittenden died peacefully on 12th August 2010. Dearly loved wife of Leslie, mother to Tracy and Sarah, and grandmother to Lee, Chelsea, Kirsty, and Jason. Loved by all.

FISCHER
Bärbel Fischer "Bab" 02-08-1944 - 14-08-2010. Who passed away peacefully. A much loved Mum, Nan, Great Nan, Sister, and Aunty. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral 27th August 2010 12:40 Margate Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Viking Day Unit.

FURMINGER
Olive Mary Furminger, lately of Rough Common Canterbury, sadly passed away after a period of illness on 11th August 2010. Beloved widow of Frank, much missed by John, Ann, Amy and Sally. Enquiries to Lyons of Canterbury and any donations to Age Concern.

GAFFNEY
Elsie Elizabeth Gaffney (nee Hart) of Whitstable, formerly of Peckham, London passed away peacefully on 11th August 2010 aged 85 years. A much loved mum and grandmother who will be deeply missed. Please contact Kemps Funeral Directors Harbour Street Whitstable regarding the funeral arrangements.

IRELAND
Vi Ireland widow of Wally died peacefully on 9th August 2010. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Wilmington at 2pm on Friday 27th August. Enquiries to Levertons Dartford 01322 225216.

LOCK
Mabel Lock, loving wife of the late Ron Lock passed away peacefully at Darent Valley Hospital on 11th August 2010. The funeral will be held on Monday 23rd August at Medway Crematorium at 12 noon. Loving mum to Carole and son in law Paul, grandmother to James and Caroline and loving sister to Joyce.

O'CONNELL
Roy O'Connell 1959-2010 Beloved son to Vince and Joan, partner to Debbie, father to Callum, Lee, Victoria, Kelly and Alice, and also to Debbie's children Jason, Amy and Aaron. Beloved brother to Colin and Sally and Granddad to Caitlin and Charlotte. Gods gained a new artist, you will be missed forever. Goodnight and God Bless.

PERKINS
Dr. David Richard John Perkins M.I.F.A. passed away peacefully on Tuesday 10th August 2010 aged 72 years. Dave to all who knew him, he will be fondly remembered for his extraordinary ability to paint a picture of Thanets history for any audience, large, small, young or old. Founding Director of Thanet Archaeological Trust, brother of George and friend to all who met him, he will be greatly missed.

WARD
Francis died peacefully at home on August 12th 2010. Funeral Service at St Thomas More West Malling, 11.30am on the 24th August. Burial at St James the Great, East Malling at 12.30am. Much beloved husband, who will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

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Let's gallop ahead

Reference Mr Morrison and his proposed white horse (Invicta) sculpture – more power to his elbow-propelled chisel and mallet, or rather hacksaw and hammer.

However, the project should be 100 yards and not feet tall.

It could become a major tourist attraction. Internal stairways/lifts could lead up to viewing areas and perhaps a tea room-cum-gift shop. The views would be spectacular.

If he were to approach his namesake (Morrisons superstores) they could have a mini-market at the base in return for part sponsorship of the project – food for thought.

The structure wouldn't need a lightning conductor, saving a few bob.

Metal thieves would also be deterred as they would be very conspicuous driving up the M20 with Invicta perched on the back of their pick-up truck searching for the nearest scrap yard.

Mr AE Thomas, Folkestone.

Get back to reality

No excuse for animal cruelty? Well that's an excuse we have all heard before, isn't it Mr Wilkins-Oppler?

Again this ignores facts and reality, and the excuses flow out of concept. Had he understood the words by reading properly just maybe he'd have used common sense when replying.

Facts show that many animal attacks are never reported, just as many rapes go un-challenged today. But yes you are right – hunting is natural, just as it is one of man's primary senses.

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Derek Packham, Deal.

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RHONA 53, well mannered, petite, bubbly, old fashioned, seeks male, 50-55, N/S with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336759**

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LINDA larger lady 61, seeks male companionship with own home. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340013**

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PETITE lady, early 70's, 5ft 3ins, nice figure, well dressed, likes days out, music, meals out, nights in, keep fit, seeks N/S gent 69-74. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336403**

SYLVIA 43, beautiful, petite blue eyed blonde, fit and active seeks attractive male to share relaxing nights in with good wine, good company, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339727**

ANNA 32, loves male company and looking for fun times, seeks tall good looking guy to sweep her off her feet and just enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339725**

LINDA larger lady 61, likes tv, gardening, seeks male for time out and company. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338887**

52YR old single mum, 5ft 5ins, blonde, brown eyes, kind, caring, smoker, overweight, seeks kind, caring, understanding male who likes history, theatre, cinema, meals out and coach trips. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380578**

39YR old single mum, blonde hair, green eyes, 5ft 2ins, curvy, likes socialising, pubs, animals, clubs, seeks loyal male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380702**

SENSITIVE caring female, likes meals out, countryside, coast, driving, gardening, seeks male, 56-64 for caring relationship maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380450**

CAROLE 57, long chestnut hair, attractive, 5ft 4ins, medium build, likes travel, animals, countryside, seeks Scottish male, under 57 with hair. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380448**

FUN young looking, attractive female, 49, GSOH, kind, caring, seeks male, 45-55 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336287**

BRIGHT bubbly, curvy blonde, bit of a romantic, seeks loving male to share the fun loving side of life with. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330461**

PASSIONATE mature loving lady, petite with long blonde hair looking for nice guy to spend quality time with and see how it goes. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338403**

ANNE 46, slim, N/S, honest, kind, reliable, seeks slim-medium build male, 42-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331347**

SINGLE fun loving female, 47, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, walks, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336079**

40YR old female, petite, 5ft 7ins, single mum, DHAC, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337251**

PAM 55, pretty, kind, loving brunette seeks funny, laidback male for relaxing fun times with no ties. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337273**

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LARGER lady seeks gent, 60's for nights out, friendship and who knows. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338517**

LARGER lady, 61, WLTM caring, affectionate male for nights out, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338183**

TALL, slim, attractive lady, late 60's, genuine, likes socialising, meals out, music, animals, seeks male, 65-72 for company, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380476**

ROMANTIC male needed by Vera, 42, beautiful, sexy brunette looking for fun and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338925**

49YR old divorced female, 5ft 2ins, blonde hair, 3 children, seeks male, 48-57 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338798**

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HONOUR: Denika Walsh is congratulated after being named apprentice of the year

Trainee Denika gets top award

A TRAINEE technician working at Dungeness power station has been named academic apprentice of the year at a prestigious training school.

Denika Walsh, from Ashford, is completing her first year of a four-year apprenticeship to qualify as an electrical maintenance technician at EDF Energy's power station.

Two years of the course is also spent at HMS Sultan where apprentices live on a Navy base to train to become technicians, chemists and engineers at nuclear power stations.

The 20-year-old said: "I was surprised to receive the award for academic apprentice of the year. It wasn't something I was expecting, but I'm really pleased as it makes my efforts all worthwhile."

Graham Finn, station director at Dungeness B, said he was delighted she had been recognised as a leader in her field at such an early stage in her career.

He added: "EDF Energy is committed to offering an excellent training and development plan for our new recruits."

Programme offers early years graduate training

New two-year course aims to create top leaders

By **MARIJKE COX**
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A NEW course aimed at creating a generation of outstanding leaders for the early years sector has been launched at Canterbury Christ Church University.

High-calibre graduates are being invited to apply for the New Leaders in Early Years programme which was started by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC).

The two-year course offers intensive mentoring and tutoring to train graduates to become top in their field, where they will offer support to frontline practitioners working with young children.

They will also work to raise the profile of the early years sector.

Dr John Moss, dean of education at Canterbury Christ Church University, which already delivers the Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) course, said the new programme has been designed to attract able and talented graduates to work in the sector.

"It is increasingly recognised that what happens in children's early years has a profound influence on their later development," he said.

"The university's successful Department of Childhood Studies is pleased to be leading an initiative which we expect to complement and enhance the current children's workforce and its practices."

Thirty graduates will be taken on, with a further 30 being recruited in autumn 2011.

Students will get early years placements during their first year and will be in a working role for the second year, while completing their masters and other aspects of the programme.

Children's minister Sarah Teather said: "New Leaders in Early Years is a fantastic new programme designed to encourage the very best graduates to sign up to be leaders in the early years sector.

"They will help to raise the profile and status of those working with young children, which is crucial to giving every child the opportunity and confidence to grow and achieve in life."

An evaluation of the programme will be carried out by the CWDC.

Thom Crabbe, national manager for early years at CWDC, said: "Early Years Professional Status is demonstrating the contribution that graduate-level professional training has in improving the quality of early years provision.

"New Leaders in Early Years builds on that success and offers a funded two-year programme to achieve EYPS and a masters degree.

"Participants will also work in the sector introducing them to a demanding, challenging and highly rewarding career.

"High-quality early years provision requires talented, committed practitioners at all levels working with our youngest children.

"We hope the programme will introduce new entrants who will go on to become first class leaders in the sector in the future."

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Helping youngsters face the music

MORE than 100 primary school children have been making music as part of a new initiative aimed at getting youngsters to play instruments.

Medway Council's extended services team and Medway Schools Music Association (MSMA) organised workshops for pupils from seven schools in Strood.

The classes were held at Hilltop Primary School – one of three new Medway music centres set up to encourage children to learn musical instruments.

The centres and workshops are just two of a range of projects, including the Music Wider Opportunities Scheme, which provides free instrumental tuition in more than 95 per cent of primary schools.

Some 3,500 children have taken part in the scheme this year, as well as a further 2,000 who are in their second year of music tuition.

MSMA director and music adviser, Derek Blease, said he was delighted with the impact of the wider opportunities scheme.

"We're now seeing young Medway musicians having opportunities to play together in mixed ensembles for the first time in years," he said.

Cllr Les Wicks, Medway Council's cabinet member for children's services, added: "I'm pleased that so many of our children are learning to play musical instruments.

"British music is regarded as the very best in the world and I hope the new music centres will unearth some future talent here in Medway."

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Chef de Partie or Sous Chef required for busy country pub restaurant
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Child Care

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Kent
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Maidstone
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Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

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mail@esm-uk.com
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Carpenters

Canterbury
Salary TBA
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Customer Service, Call Centre

Sales Office Manager

Kent
Salary c£30,000+ benefits
A long established building products manufacturer who have enjoyed expansion and development are looking for a new Sales Office Manager to lead and motivate the internal sales function, taking them from an order team to a sales team. With at least a year's experience in a similar role you will be responsible for developing and managing training programmes to best practice managing transport costs and contributing to IT research and development projects. Excellent communication skills and an understanding of business finance and problem solving competencies are all essential elements of this fast paced role. West Kent based.
To apply/more information:
Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1691

Flexible Working

Kent
Salary TBA
Flexible Working Opportunity Would you like to join a dynamic team selling leading edge business software to
the hair and beauty salon market and create your own working environment with excellent earning potential? Basic PC and great communication skills are essential. If interested email: nigel.gethins@syntos.co.uk or call 07831 683647 with contact details
Why not check out our website at www.syntos.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Syntos
nigel.gethins@syntos.co.uk
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Sales Co-Ordinator

Wrotham Area
Salary c£17,500 + excellent benefits
Our client is looking for someone with natural leadership skills and a background of experience as a sales co-ordinator within a pressurised environment. Duties will include handling quotes, processing orders through to delivery including liaison with transport and clients and upselling where possible. You will have commercial acumen, excellent communication skills and high levels of drive and motivation ; Rota's shifts are 8.00 - 4.00 and 9.00 - 5.00. Due to location own transport is essential.
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jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
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Commission only Sales People

Ashford
Salary Commission Only
Are you confident competitive determined hard working. Do you enjoy a challenge and have a can do attitude? Would you like to train for a Media Sales career? Then we may have the answer for you! You will start on a commission only basis where you will be well rewarded for your achievements, and supported by ongoing training and coaching. Successful candidates will be offered a permanent media sales position. If you would like to train as a Media Sales Executive, please send your CV to christine.davidson@ kosmedia.co.uk
with a note stating why you are right for this position.
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Domestic

Venue Maintenance Team Leader

Dartford
Salary TBA
Venue Maintenance Team Leader, Brands Hatch First class presentation of our venue is very important to us. The role requires a well organised individual capable coordinating a wide variety of tasks including the preparation of the race circuit to the stipulated standards, grounds and buildings maintenance across the site and circuit improvement, repair and construction projects. Leading and working with a team of around 10 people you will need to be an excellent people-manager, communicator and motivator. Experience in the civil engineering or construction industry would be useful and familiarity with CDM and Health & Safety
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some experience in agricultural or horticultural areas would be advantageous.
Critical qualities are strong organisational skills, the ability to cope under pressure and meet tight deadlines. A winning mentality and meticulous attention to detail are essential and as part of the events industry, being prepared to work at weekends and on bank holidays during the season is a must. Applicants should apply in writing, including a CV and salary expectations, to:
Katie Dickens, Human Resources, MotorSport Vision Limited, Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG, or
E-mail: katie.dickens @motorsportvision.co.uk
To apply/more information:
MotorSport Vision Ltd
joanne.brown@motorsportvision .co.uk **Quoting Job Ref:** kos

Domestic Trades

Direct Sales Consultant

Chatham
Salary TBA
Direct Sales Consultant confirmed leads provided. Must have own car. Top rates paid. Experience not necessary as full training is provided. Phone Rachel on 01634 813940.
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Education, Teacher, School

Additional Learning Support Tutor/ Assessor

Medway
Salary £24,792 - £28,311 per annum
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Maidstone/MedwayWe are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to assist with learning support for students with additional learning support needs. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in and knowledge of tutoring, assessing and supporting learners with difficulties and disabilities. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised assessing certificate.MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability orhealth condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further informationregarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit theirwebsite www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff andvolunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with theCollege procedureApplication forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In allcommunication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer
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Quoting Job Ref: P0378
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
Quoting Job Ref: P0499

Hourly Paid Facilitators

Medway
Salary Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26
Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref:SE560Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience) MedwayWe are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful CAST Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables.MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability orhealth condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further informationregarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit theirwebsite www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff andvolunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with theCollege procedure.Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
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CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST

Chatham
Salary Sessional Daily Rate £150 min per day/Term Time Only
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Full Time Double Glazed Installer/ Engineer

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Salary To be advised
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Longfield
Salary Dependant on Experience
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HR, Recruitment

Early Intervention in Employment Advisor

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MCCH
j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
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Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Continuous Improvement Facilitator

Hythe
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Management, Senior Positions

REACH Compliance Coordinator

Kent
Salary £25,000+
Working for a highly successful SME based in Mid Kent, the main responsibility of this role is to ensure compliance with REACH regulations for materials imported into Europe and to write safety data sheets including classification according to CLP and GHS. Ideally from a Chemist related background you will act as the main interface between the company and regulators. Maintenance of ISO 9000 system and focal point for QA of raw materials and finished goods.
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Sittingbourne
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Salary 12,500-26,500 depending on skils
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Exhibitions Stands Manufacturers Ltd
mail@esm-uk.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

10 x LGV 1 Drivers

Maidstone
Salary £550 p/wk
10 x LGV 1 Drivers PM / NTS 6 MTH CONTRACT
£550 p/wk Holiday & mileage allowance
Due to continued growth Mainstream, Kent_ÇÕs leading driving agency, need 10 pm/nt LGV 1
Drivers to work Thursday to Monday shifts.
The contract is for a fixed 6 month period
ending in January 2011.
The work will involve primarily supermarkets
based in Aylesford and Snodland.
£550 p/wk is guaranteed + overtime possible.
Holiday is accrued as you go so 14 days most
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but positions will be subject to the passing of
a driving assessment. 1 years min experience
and no more than 6 points on licence.
Call Jamie or Graham now on 01795 418100 (agy)
To apply/more information:
Mainstream Staff Supplies
graham.knowles@recruitandtrain.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

HGV1 Flexi Drivers

Northfleet
Salary Salary Negotiable
HGV1 Flexi
Drivers
required
MJD GROUP
Dennis
01322 370700
To apply/more information:

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Not for profit, Charities

Executive Commitee Member

Thanet
Salary Voluntary
Executive Committee Members RequiredThis position is on a volunteer basis although reasonable out of pocket expenses will be paid.As a rapidly expanding organisation we are seeking individuals from across the demographic spectrum to join East Kent Mencap_ÇÕs Executive Committee. These positions are subject to enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks which are currently free to volunteers.We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month except August and December at our Head Office in Cliftonville. Meetings start at 18:30 and generally last about two hours._Çò You should have an interest in developing services for and with people with a learning disability._Çó Be prepared to promote their rights to make choices and lead the life that they want to lead._ÇóCollectively, along with other committee members, you will be responsible for the strategic planning to take East Kent Mencap forward. _Çó You will also be responsible for the allocation of spending within the confines of charity accounting procedures.Full support and training will be available.The closing date for applications will be Friday 17th September 2010.Applications must be via an application form which can be obtained by calling 01843-224482 or emailing Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk
To apply/more information:
East Kent Mencap
Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: EXC0001

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Massage Therapist

Canterbury
Salary 9-18 k per annum + bonuses
FULLTIME PART-TIME/JOBSHAREPositon available at Kent's leading Spinal Health Care Practice in Canterbury. We are looking for hardworking and motivated massage therapists who are: Enthusiastic and committed to helping peopleOrganised and efficientA Team PlayerDriven to attain self improvement and successMust have basic Massage qualification further in house training givenBasic computer skills preferableNo Clinical experience necessary as full training will be givenNEW GRADUATES WELCOME!Apply for this position if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoingEarning ability fromm £8000 - £22000 per annumIf you think you have what we are looking for, please apply in writing with your C.V. to Recruitment Manager, The Wellness Practice LTD Blean Canterbury Kent CT2 9EB
To apply/more information:
Wellness Practice
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: masthe 001

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary 12,500-26,500 depending on skils
FULL-TIME, PART-TIME/JOBSHAREMOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation.This role is office based within the health and wellness sector and also includes community based events for promotions.Only apply if you are interested in personal growth, development and a career.Whilst the role has a base salary depending on your demonstrative skills, there is huge potential for bonuses for any applicant. That is why you have to be the kind of person who enjoys having goals and helping people get well and stay well.If you love success, you are eager to help people and want to make a difference, please apply immediately.
To apply/more information:
Wellness Practice
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02

Night Staff

Sevenoaks
Salary TBA
Due to expansion Night Staffrequired for busy residential home.Good rates of pay and bonus.NVQ Training available.Please ring Karen or Julie01732 822215 from Monday
To apply/more information:
Holywell Park Ltd
debbieholywell@aol.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £8.25 to £10.00 per hour
COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED FOR EXPANDING CARE AGENCY!FULL-TIME SHIFTS AVAILABLE IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS & PADDOCK WOODo Self Employed basis onlyo Shift starts at 7amo £8.25 to £10.00 per houro You need to be happy taking responsibility and working with older people on your owno Must have own car and phoneo Uniform providedo Full Training programme availableExperience preferred but not essential.All applicants subject to Enhanced CRB CheckCALL ELAINE/JULIA ON 01892 529429 FOR AN INTERVIEWwww.terrablu.co.ukAn Investor in People Employer
To apply/more information:
TerraBlu Ltd
emma.foord@terrablu.co.uk
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Sports Therapist

Canterbury
Salary £12k - £20k depending on skills
FULLTIME PART-TIME/JOBSHAREPositon available at Kent's leading Spinal Health Care Practice in Canterbury. We are looking for hardworking and motivated massage therapists who are: Enthusiastic and committed to helping peopleOrganised and efficientA Team PlayerDriven to attain self improvement and successMust have basic Massage qualification further in house training givenBasic computer skills preferableNo Clinical experience necessary as full training will be givenNEW GRADUATES WELCOME!Apply for this position if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoingEarning ability fromm £8000 - £22000 per annumIf you think you have what we are looking for, please apply in writing with your C.V. to Recruitment Manager, The Wellness Practice LTD Blean Canterbury Kent CT2 9EB
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Wellness Practice
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Quoting Job Ref: SPORTS 001

Support Worker

Canterbury
Salary Salary Negotiable
The Fifth Trust are looking for an experienced Individual to work within our Day Services for Adults with Learning Difficulties. This is in a support/care role which will involve Personal Care.You must have a proven experience of working within the care setting and be able to Drive our Minibus, if not be prepared to take the necessary test. Car driver essential and a flexible approach as you will be required to work over 2 sites. For both Jobs please send your CV and a covering letter to:
The Fifth Trust
C/O Mrs Nikki Marley
Elham Valley Vineyard
Elham Valley Road
Barham
Canterbury, Kent. CT4 6LN
To apply/more information:
Family Investment Homes Ltd
applications@kosmedia.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Carers

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £6.32-£7.99 per hour
SC Support & Care Services Ltd
We provide a high quality service to promote independent living and social activities for people with various needs.
We are looking for part time, casual, evening and weekend staff to work in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks.
Car and mobile essential.
Mileage allowance, weekend and evening enhancements.
£6.32-£7.99 per hour. Full training given.
For further details please ring 01732 875888
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Lecturer in Foundation Programmes

Medway
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Lecturer in Foundation Programmes Ref: P0121Salary: £24,096 - £28,963 pro rata (dependant on qualifications and experience) 30 hours per week MedwayThe College is looking to recruit an outstanding individual to participate in the delivery of Foundation Programmes across the College. The role will involve working with Learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and ensuring that learners develop and achieve the skills they need to progress. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability orhealth condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further informationregarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit theirwebsite www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff andvolunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with theCollege procedureApplication forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
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Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor

Medway
Salary £24,792 - £28,311 per annum
Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor Ref: P0378Salary: £24,792 - £28,311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience)Hourly paid roles also available Maidstone/MedwayWe are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to assist with learning support for students with additional learning support needs. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in and knowledge of tutoring, assessing and supporting learners with difficulties and disabilities. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised assessing certificate.MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability orhealth condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further informationregarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit theirwebsite www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff andvolunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with theCollege procedureApplication forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
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RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS

Thanet
Salary £11,620 - £18,500 PA RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS FOR THE WHISTABLE AREASALARY RANGE £11,620 - £18,500 PA PLUS INCREMENTSWE REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS TO WORK IN OUR NEW HOMESQUALIFICATIONS NVQ 3 OR EQUIVALENT PREFERRED. HOWEVER TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR APPLICANTS WITHEVIDENT POTENTIAL AND/OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.Informal discussion available with DENNIS SHRUBSOLE - Registered Manager - 01227 771115For an application form contact our office managerJANN ASLETT ON 01732 740088EMAIL: headoffice@benecareltd.co.ukw ww.benecareltd.co.uk
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Care Assistants

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
Kent SCP are currently recruiting
Skilled and inexperienced Care Assistants, Community Carers
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Call 01622 765365
To apply/more information:
Kent Social Care Professionals
info@kentscp.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Hourly Paid Facilitators

Medway
Salary Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26
Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref:SE560Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience) MedwayWe are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful CAST Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables.MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability orhealth condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further informationregarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit theirwebsite www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff andvolunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with theCollege procedure.Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
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Support Workers

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
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Skilled and inexperienced Care Assistants, Community across Kent
Call 01622 765365
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LESSON SUPERVISOR

Sittingbourne
This post is designed to provide supervision of classes in the absence of the subject teacher or form tutor. The job is not a teaching role but will require good classroom management skills as well as a confident personality, a good presence and excellent communication skills. Applicants should be well educated, preferably to further education level, and have experience of giving support in the classroom, preferably as a Teaching Assistant, although other qualifications and personal/work experiences will be taken into account.
Employment will start after a one-week paid in-service training course. There will be a six-month probationary period.
8.25am - 3.20pm with 1 hr unpaid breaks, term time only plus 1 staff training day and 25 days paid holiday a year, or as relevant to years of service in a similar post. Salary starting at £16,793 rising to £18,471 (pro-rata) (equal to £12,516 - £13,766 depending on experience)Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form. Closing date, Friday 27 August 2010
The Westlands School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461 Email:office@westlands.kent.sch.uk Headteacher: J Whitcombe MA
To apply/more information:
Westlands School (The)
headteacher@westlands.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Teaching Assistant

Sittingbourne
Salary £12,903 - £15,984 pro rata
Teaching Assistant Required for September 2010 To work at The Westlands Primary School, Homewood Avenue
Applicants should have the necessary skills to support pupils who have various learning difficulties in mainstream classes, in small groups or on an individual basis. 27 hours a week, term time only. Kent Pay Band 2/3 £12,903 - £15,984 (pro rata) (equal to £7,765 - £9619 depending on experience)
You are welcome to contact the school for a preliminary discussion if desired.
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Closing date, Friday 20 August 2010
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/02564/FUL **Mount Pleasant House 4 - 6 Lonsdale Gardens, Culverden**
- Alteration of the existing Telefonica O2 UK Ltd installation of the roof to allow for shared use with Vodafone, works include: Removal of 3 existing O2 2G antennas. Relocation of 3 existing O2 3G antennas onto 2G antenna poles for use by Vodafone. Installation of 3 new O2 tri-band antennas on original 3G antenna pole. Installation of 1 Vodafone cabinet on the roof of the building and development ancillary thereto (MAST) (CA)

10/02487/HOUSE **Mount House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
- Demolition of single-storey lean-to structure; Erection of a single-storey rear extension and alterations to outbuilding (LB)

10/02488/LBC **Mount House Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of single-storey lean-to structure; erection of a single-storey rear extension and alterations to outbuilding (LB)

10/02529/LBC **Jetwells Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**
- Refurbishment and general alterations to include works to 3 fireplaces and the installation of a new bathroom together with drainage works (LB)

10/02560/FUL **Stockmans Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Implement building for equipment to maintain the land, menage and horses (LB)

10/02357/FUL **Fidgets Pre-School & Nursery Lamberhurst Vineyard, Lamberhurst**
- Retrospective - Change of use of ground to form additional external play area to childrens day nursery (CA)

10/02411/HOUSE **Marlpit Cottage The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Two-storey side extension (amendments to approved TW/07/03345/FUL refers). Conversion of garage to a play room (CA) (LB) (PROW)

10/02590/HOUSE **The Old Orange Tree School Hill, Lamberhurst**
- Proposed conservatory on rear of property and alteration to existing window into door with sidelight in modern extension (LB) (CA)

10/02592/LBC **The Old Orange Tree School Hill, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - proposed conservatory on rear of property and alteration to existing window into door with sidelight in modern extension (LB)

10/02459/FUL **Kenmare Camden Park, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Variation of Condition 7 of TW/10/00061/FUL - To remove the restriction to the opening of windows to the side elevations at first floor level; Allow windows to open 1700mm above floor level for ventilation (CA)

10/02374/HOUSE **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Refurbishment to existing orangery (CA) (LB)

10/02375/LBC **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Refurbishment to existing orangery (LB)

10/02393/FUL **The Oast Old Forge Farm, Southborough And High Brooms**
- Change of use of first floor from storage to residential accommodation for farm worker (PROW)

10/02556/HOUSE **32C London Road Southborough, Southborough North**
- Single-storey side extension (CA)

10/02579/HOUSE **The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Removal of vertical clay tiling from a splayed bay at first floor level and alteration of a ground floor window (CA) (LB)

10/02581/LBC **The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Removal of vertical clay tiling from a splayed bay at first floor level and alteration of a ground floor window (LB)

10/02524/FUL **Flat 2 27 St James Road, St James**
- Replacement of 4 windows to the front and 2 windows to the rear elevation (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at

Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells
TN1 1RS

Dated:21 August 2010

HIGHWAYS – District of Ashford

CHART ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of realigning the centre line of the road, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Chart Road, Ashford from 25 August 2010 for up to 1 night or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with the A28 Templar Way and A292 Maidstone Road. There will be no access for though traffic between the hours of 10.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The alternative route is via A28 Templar Way and A292 Maidstone Road.

B2067 ROMAN ROAD, ALDINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway strengthening and resurfacing due to potholes and areas of surface erosion, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on B2067 Roman Road, Aldington, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Knoll Hill to adjacent to the property named 'Upper Park Farm'.

The alternative route is via Roman Road, Aldington Road, Otterpool Lane, Ashford Road, Barrow Hill, Main Road, Station Road, Goldwell Lane, Calleywell Lane, and Roman Road.

There will be an additional diversion on the first morning of the works whilst work is carried out at the junction between Knoll Hill and Roman Road. This is from Calleywell Lane via Forge Hill, New Road Hill, Boat Lane and Knoll Hill.

HIGHWAYS – District of Canterbury

THANET WAY SERVICE ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Thanet Way Service Road, Whitstable from 27 August 2010 for up to 5 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Reeves Way parallel to the A2990 Thanet Way to the junction with Clover Rise.

The alternative route is via Reeves Way, A2990 Thanet Way and Clover Rise.

ST MARY'S STREET, CANTERBURY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of external repairs to Linen House, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on St Mary's Street, Canterbury from 23 August 2010 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Linen House. There will be no access for through traffic weekdays only, between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

The alternative route is via Castle Street, Pin Hill, Rhodaus Town, Watling Street & Marlowe Avenue.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of St Mary's Street to allow access, when the relevant signs are covered.

There will be a suspension of the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Marlow Avenue, between the junctions with St Mary's Street and St John's Lane, when the signs are covered.

B2068 ST LAWRENCE ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on B2068 St Lawrence Road, Canterbury on or after 27 August 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Old Dover Road and New Dover Road.

The alternative route is via Old Dover Road and A2050 New Dover Road.

A290 ST PETER'S PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing works, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on A290 St Peter's Place, Canterbury from 26 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed from West Gate Towers to the south of the junction with Tower Way. Access to Tower Way will be maintained.

The alternative route is via A290 St Peter's Place, A2050 Rheims Way, London Road and A290 St Dunstan's Street.

Pound Lane will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Place. The alternative route will be via The Causeway and North Lane, then as above.

St Peter's Street will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Place. The alternative route is via Guildhall Street, Palace Street, The Borough and Northgate.

SCHOOL LANE & MILL LANE, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on School Lane & Mill Lane, Herne from 24 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure is in phases between Herne Street and A299 Thanet Way slip road. The planned works will be carried out as detailed below.

Dates	Extent of road affected	Alternative Route
Phase 1 23 August 2010 for 3 days	**School Lane** between Herne Street and Broomfield Road	Herne Street, Canterbury Road, Mill View Road, Mill Lane, Hunters Forstal Road, Hawe Farm Way and Broomfield Road
Phase 2 26 August 2010 for 3 working days	**Mill Lane** between Broomfield Road and Hunters Forstal Road	Broomfield Road, Hawe Farm Way and Hunters Forstal Road
Phase 3 1 September 2010 for 3 days	**Mill Lane** between Hunters Forstal Road and A299 Thanet Way slip road	Southbound via A299 off-slip, Canterbury Road, School Lane and Mill Lane

Northbound via Mill Lane, broomfield Road, Hawe Farm Way, Hunters Forstal Road and Margate Road.

The following roads will each be closed at their junctions with Mill Lane

Phase 2: Mill View Road, Windmill Road, Mount View Road and Hunters Forstal Road.

Phase 3: Pigeon Lane, Kingsfield Road and Hillbrow Avenue

ST GEORGE'S SUBWAY, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of removal of graffiti and subway maintenance works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting pedestrians on St George's Subway, Canterbury, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure will be in rolling phases, and only one section will be closed at any one time, as signposted on site. Pedestrians should use alternative sections of the subway or the surface crossing on St Georges Street.

HIGH STREET, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street, Sturry, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the northern junction with A28 Mill Road.

The alternative route is via the southern junction with Mill Road. The One-way Traffic Order in respect of High Street will be suspended to allow traffic to enter and exit High Street from the southern junction with Mill Road.

B2205 SEA STREET, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on B2205 Sea Street, Herne Bay, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with York Road and Lane End.

The alternative routes will be

Northbound via Fleetwood Avenue, The Circus and Station Road.

Westbound via The Broadway and Central Avenue.

VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Wincheap on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below

Cotton Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Jackson Road

From 8 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cow Lane, Maynard Road and Jackson Road

Cushman Road, Wincheap will be closed between Maynard Road and Simmonds Road

From 9th September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Maynard Road, Cow Lane and Simmonds Road

Jackson Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cotton Road and Maynard Road

From 10 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cotton Road, Cow Lane and Maynard Road

Maynard Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Jackson Road

From 13 September 2010 for up to 1 night

Alternative route via Cow Lane, Cotton Road and Jackson Road

Simmonds Road, Wincheap will be closed between Cow Lane and Wincheap

From 14 September 2010 for up to 4 nights

Alternative route via Wincheap and Cow Lane

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Dover District from 23 August 2010 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed as shown below.

Telegraph Road, Deal - from 23 August 2010 for up to 3 days

Between the junctions with Freemens Way and Hamilton Road.

Alternative route via Freemens Way, Mill Hill, Mill Road and Hamilton Road

Stonyway Lane, Hougham - from 31 August 2010 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

From the junction with Elms Vale Road to Elms Farm, with no access for though traffic between Elms Hill and Parsonage Farm Road.

Alternative route via Elms Vale Road, B2011 Folkestone Road, Plough Hill, Doctors Lane and Stonyway Lane

Balmoral Road, Kingsdown - from 6 September 2010 for up to 5 days

Between the junctions with Glen Road and Edward Road.

Alternative route via Glen Road, Sea Road and Balmoral Road.

Eight Acres, Hougham from 15 September 2010 for up to 3 days

Between the junctions with The Street, Hougham and Broadsole Lane.

Alternative route via The Street, Hougham and Broadsole Lane

Brook Street, Eastry – from 20 September 2010 for up to 4 days

Between Lower Street and Hay Hill

Alternative route via Hay Hill, Updown Lane, Northbourne Road, A256 Eastry Bypass, Dover Road and Lower Street

Bowling Green Lane, Deal - from 4 October 2010 for up to 1 week

Between London Road and Middle Deal Road.

Alternative route via London Road and Middle Deal Road

CATTLE MARKET & NO NAME STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cattle Market & No Name Street, Sandwich on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Cattle Market will be closed from and including the junction with No Name Street to the junction of Cattle Market outside The Guildhall. No Name Street will be closed at the junction with Cattle Market.

The alternative route for through traffic is via New Street, St Bart's Road, Woodnesborough Road and Cattle Market.

HIGHWAYS – District of Swale

A2 DOVER STREET, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on A2 Dover Street, Sittingbourne from 25 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed. It is planned the works will be carried out between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Church Street and West Street.

The alternative route is via A2 Station Road, St Michael's Road, Crown Quay Lane, B2006 Eurolink Way/Mill Way, B2205 St Paul's Street, B2006 Staplehurst Road, Sheppey Way, and A2 Key Street/London Road.

CULLETT DRIVE, RUSHENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway maintenance and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Cullett Drive, Rushenden on or after 23 August 2010 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

It is planned the road will be closed between 7.00 pm and 6.00 am, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed from the junction with Rushenden Road to the junction with Argent Road.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

HIGH STREET, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of repairs to inspection chambers, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street, Sittingbourne, on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with Park Road and Bell Road.

The alternative route is via Park Road, Avenue of Remembrance and Bell Road.

HIGHWAYS – Borough of Thanet

MEVERALL AVENUE, RAMSGATE & FAIR STREET, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate and Fair Street, Broadstairs on or after 26 August 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

It will be necessary to close Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate and Fair Street, Broadstairs, as shown below.

Meverall Avenue, Ramsgate will be closed from 26 August 2010 for up to 2 days between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed at the junction with A256 Sandwich Road. The alternative route is via A256 Sandwich Road and Cliffsend Road.

Fair Street, Broadstairs will be closed from 31 August 2010 for up to 1 day between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between property numbers 42 to 46. The alternative route is via Fairfield Road, Bromstone Road and Wilkes Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, BROADSTAIRS (ST PETER'S PARK ROAD SIDE ROADS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Broadstairs (St Peter's Park Road side roads) on or after 6 September 2010 for up to 16 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Each of the roads will be closed at its junction with St Peter's Park Road. The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Sowell Street - 6 September 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, High Street, Church Street and Albion Road

Bairds Hill - 6 September 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via Albion Road, Beacon Road, Grange Road and Callis Court Hill

Crawford Road - 13 September 2010 for 3 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, Sowell Street and St Peter's Park Road

Ethel Road - 4 October 2010 for 1 week

Alternative route via Crawford Road and St Peter's Park Road

Walmsley Road - 11 October 2010 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via Crawford Road, Ethel Road and St Peter's Park Road

Percy Road - 25 October 2010 for 3 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, Crawford Road, Walmsley Road and St Peter's Park Road

Fordoun Road - 15 November 2010 for up to 6 weeks

Alternative route via St Peter's Road, The Broadway and St Peter's Park Road

The One-way traffic order in respect of Fordoun Road will be suspended to allow access

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

PINESFIELD LANE, TROTTISCLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pinesfield Lane from the junction of Trosley Court for 150m towards "Larling" on or after Wednesday 1st September 2010 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed. The alternative route is via Church Lane, Taylors Lane, Pilgrims Way.

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The changing face and pace of Nissan

By **STEVE LOADER**

IN just three years, Nissan has transformed itself into one of the most go-ahead brands in the motor market.

The pivotal model was the five or seven-seat Qashqai (main picture); not only an excellent car in its own right, but one enabling the Japanese marque to streamline its range and boost profitability.

Instead of three different production lines producing the dreary Almera family hatchback, the bigger Primera family model and the rather anonymous Almera Tino MPV, Nissan was able to concentrate on churning out Qashqais.

At a stroke it also created a fashionable new sector – the crossover. It's part hatchback and part MPV, with styling influenced by the 4x4 sector – some Qashqais can even be specified with all-wheel drive.

Better still for those who want to buy British, the Qashqai is the primary product of Nissan's efficient plant at Sunderland, though it has recently been joined by a line producing the new star in waiting – the all-new Nissan Juke (inset right), which is a kind of junior Qashqai to replace the now defunct Micra supermini.

Nissan also continues to make halo cars like the red-blooded 270Z sport car and GTR supercar.

But the Qashqai is its UK star and Nissan has followed up a recent and stylish facelift – most noticeable on the outside – by making tweaks beneath the metal.

Most notable is the optional (£200) Stop/Start feature lowering emissions and fuel consumption on the big-selling entry powertrain; the 1.6-litre petrol variant accounts for 40 per cent of Qashqai sales.

In my opinion, it is not the best engine choice, but many buyers are clearly happy to pay the lower purchase price and bear the increased fuel consumption and this well-priced option can only help them make the choice while saving a little more on road tax too.

The standout unit though is the 1.5-litre diesel, which is now more powerful and more efficient, but always did deliver the best balance of output and economy and is also refined in most driving situations.

Nissan has also tweaked the popular n-tec luxury spec – including premium sound system, sat nav, colour reversing camera, panoramic roof and privacy glass – which now gets the £400 optional 18-inch alloys thrown in with a new £250 option on chrome highlights inside and out.

However, even in 4x4 form, the Qashqai's high driving position and butch styling are really only paying of lip service to off-road ability.

If you need more of that then Nissan's enduring and likeable X-Trail is the better bet, being a good blend of on-road refinement and some genuine ability when the going gets tough. This car has also received a facelift that has toned down the boxy styling and created a more premium feel, highlighted literally by the car's distinctive vertical lights now incorporating LED light technology for improved visibility.

Nissan says it has also upped the ante inside with better materials and colour co-ordination. Seating in cloth or leather is also said to be better and, importantly, the front seats have been re-designed to create more knee room for those behind.

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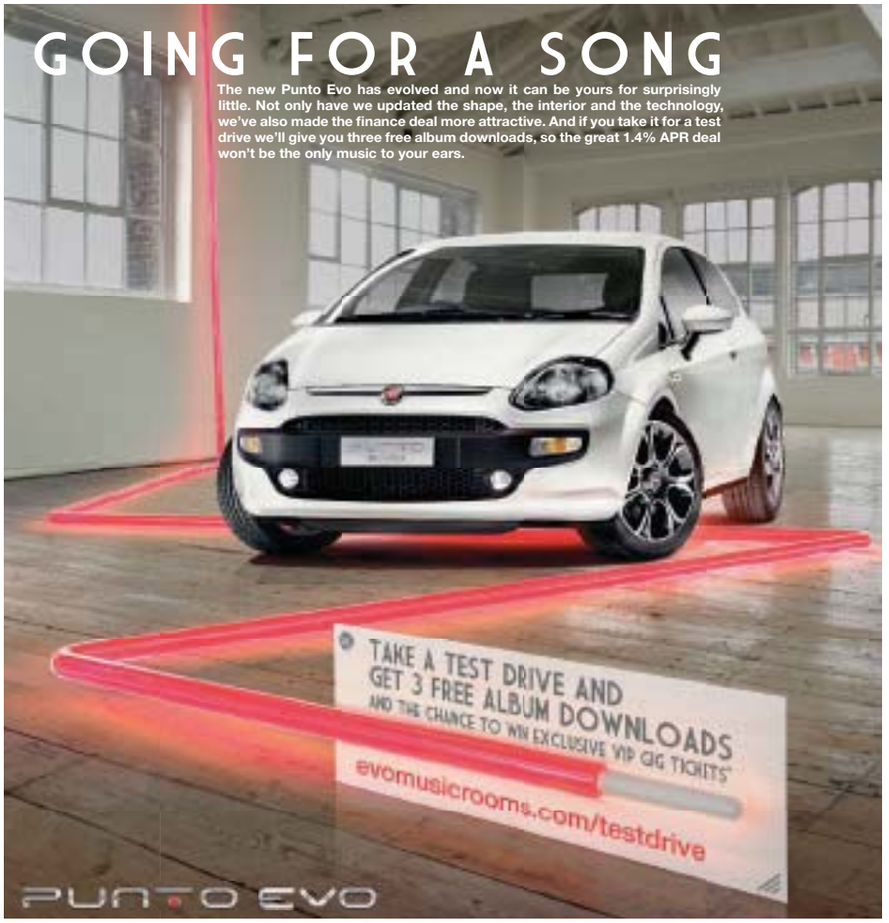

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Audi hatches its latest Sportback

AUDI has expanded its versatile Sportback sub-brand with its most stunning version so far.

Order books opened this week for the all-new and rakish A7 Sportback/hatchback coupé, priced from £42,925 and due with customers early next year.

Using an aluminium and steel body, the newcomer is 15 per cent lighter than an all-steel equivalent, allowing the launch array of two petrol engines and two TDI diesels to deliver good performance with impressive low consumption and emission levels.

The luxury image is underlined by premium options including parallel park assist, all-LED headlights, head-up display and adaptive air suspension.

The A7 goes head-to-head with BMW's own luxury executive hatch, the 5-Series Gran Turismo (from £42,225) and begs the question: "So what has Mercedes-Benz got up its corporate sleeve?"

Suzuki's 4x4x40 celebrations

CELEBRATIONS have started for the Suzuki Jimny's 40th anniversary.

The cheeky 4x4 remains the UK's cheapest entry to genuine off-road ability and impressed us all over again this year when we road tested one during the worst of the snowy weather.

The earliest incarnation of the car arrived in 1970 as the LJ10 model, becoming the Jimny in 1998, and now using an 84bhp 1.3-litre four-cylinder petrol engine, capable of averaging around 40mpg.

Jimny 40th Anniversary

Jimny prices from £10,995 – including metallic paint, front fog lamps, roof rails and remote central locking as standard – add to its appeal as an affordable workhorse.

The Japanese marque has also created a new flagship version of its SX4 SUV (sports utility vehicle) cum family hatchback. The SZ5 4x4 (from £14,235) is available with a 1.6-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel unit, comes with 4x4 as standard and looks like a smart bid to remind the market that the Suzuki anticipated the new vogue for 'crossovers' – family hatchbacks with 'funky chunky' SUV styling.

In diesel format, the SZ5 can average at least 50mpg and run in economical two-wheel or grippy four-wheel drive. Cheaper front-wheel drive only versions of the SX4 start at just £11,750.

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Happy premium birthday Lexus

by **STEVELOADER**

LEXUS launched in the UK 20 years ago asking to be shot down.

Many industry watchers doubted whether even Toyota could create its own luxury brand overnight, when German rivals could trace a heritage to well before World War Two.

And it could be argued the Japanese upstart hindered as much as helped its debut by choosing to create a car that so closely resembled the Mercedes-Benz S-Class.

But Toyota showed that meticulous engineering, a slight price advantage and comprehensive specifications could win out even in a target market where badge snobbery is everything; Lexus flourished and new ranges followed.

Significantly, Japanese rivals Honda, Mazda and Nissan also tried to 'do a Lexus' and with less success.

Honda launched the Acura brand – never officially launched in the UK – while Mazda tried the tongue-twisting Xedos, which lasted just eight years.

Infiniti is currently expanding in the UK despite the economic downturn, but the brand almost died in the early Noughties.

Meanwhile, Lexus is about to add a fifth model to its UK line-up to follow the LS flagship, GS – BMW 5-Series equivalent – the IS compact executive model and the 450h hybrid SUV.

The newcomer is the CT 200h executive hatchback (pictured left) due early next year and which, like the 450h, uses a petrol-electric powertrain for economy and low emissions, though the Japanese marque claims it will also offer sporty driving.

The intention is clear: to offer a premium-badge executive model that fits company car man's desire to be seen to do the right thing by downsizing and going greener – not to mention saving on his tax – while maintaining status and driving appeal.

In the meantime, Lexus is celebrating the 20-year birthday with special Celebration Edition offers on the IS (above).

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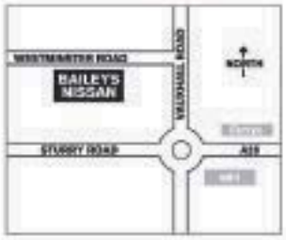

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Baby Citroën seduces with sheer economic good sense

MOTORING does not come much cheaper than behind the wheel of the Citroën C1.

It is, of course, a barely disguised clone of the Peugeot 107 and Toyota Aygo – all three being produced in the same Eastern European plant, with reliability virtually guaranteed thanks to Toyota's overall leadership of the project.

However, the French marque usually has the best deals around on its versions of the little three and five-door car, and the current bait is a three-year PCP (personal contract purchase) for just £149 down and then £149 a month on a £9,000 C1 Splash special edition with all the kit most people would want.

Prices for C1s start as low as £6,495 though and most models also come with three years' free servicing. In short, the C1 can be one of those 'buy it and forget it' bargains that many cash-strapped consumers need just now.

But how much do you give up by taking the 'cheap and cheerful' route? Not as much as you might think actually.

For a start, the C1 is fun to drive in best-selling 68bhp 1.0-litre petrol form; Citroën also offers a 55bhp diesel, but it's a slug and you will pay nearly £1,000 more for the privilege and spend a long time driving to claw the money back in fuel savings – it averages less than 10mpg better than the 60+mpg of the petrol.

Nor are the emissions any better for the diesel, both powertrains being tantalizingly close to yet failing to be road tax exempt – £20 a year after the first year is hardly a deal breaker though.

DrivingReview

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Citroën C1

Having made the not so hard decision to opt for the petrol, you will find it revs well despite the typically uneven beat of the three-cylinder unit, and the car's lightness – which contributes to the excellent economy – makes it responsive too, aided by light steering and gear-shifting.

The suspension/damping of this relatively short wheelbase car is also well-judged, delivering a decent ride and taut handling plus reasonable motorway refinement for this class.

As I've said before when driving these Citroën/Peugeot/Toyota triplets, they can be safe, but entertaining to drive if you keep the revs up and twirl the gearbox enthusiastically in the style of the original Mini.

Like that old stager though it's not hard to see where corners have been cut to get weight and price down: the rear hatch is a modest-size lift-up glass panel that doesn't invite cramming with bits of furniture; the boot is small anyway; and the rear seats don't fold completely flat to the floor.

The rear windows are also low rent, being pop-out rather than electric or even wind-up.

But it is also surprising what a few creature comforts can do, as I found when driving the VTR+ flagship model loaned by Wilmoths Citroën of Ashford.

This £9,195 five-door version comes with leather and Alcantara suede-effect seats that transform the ambience of the cabin and, while fairly basic, the dashboard is well organised and funky to look at – the rev counter pod juts out like an ear from the speedo.

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"Should you go for the three or five-door though? Tricky. The former will save about £350, but it is a squeeze getting in and out of the back and mums will find it a stretch to strap junior in. The five-door is the better bet, unless the rear seats will mostly be used for shopping."

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Road tax	£20/year (zero in year one)
Best rival	Kia Picanto

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: obvious signs of the corner cutting to slash weight and cost

NOT SURE: the little car carries a lot of cred for the image-conscious drivers among us

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A3, TDI S line, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 48000 miles, £11997, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5DR, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser power steering, blue, 55811 miles, £10990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDi SE, 2004, blue, 108638 miles, £5999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, FSI Sport Tip Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 32000 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

C CLASS, C180 Kompressor SE Sports, rui3091, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, alarm, central locking, remote central locking, cruise control, electric front windows, trip computer, front fog lamps, adjustable steering column, sports seats, multi-function steering wheel, brake assist, automatic electric windows, folding rear seats, head restraints, air conditioning, power steering, cd player, colour coded body, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, cloth upholstery, locking wheel nuts, anti-theft system, high gloss tail lights, luggage net in front passenger well, service indicator (assyst), front door sills with merecedes lettering, esp with asr, aluminium linea trim, headlamp assist, rear seat belt pretensioners, active front headrests, front seats 'easy entry', auto mercedes-benz child seat recognition sensor, locking wheel bolts, height adjustable front seatbelts, front seatbelt pretensioners, outside temperature gauge, tinted glass, rear centre armrest, first aid kit, electrically heated + operated door mirrors, electric folding door mirrors + auto dimming rear view + drivers exterior door mirror, height adjustable front centre armrest with stowage, door mirror integrated indicators, high aluminium silver, 18000 miles, £15995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180k Avantgarde SE, ky57gfk, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, head restraints, electric seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, retractable headrests, rear armrest, rear headrests, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, multiple airbags, abs, trip computer, traction control, stability control, wheels, cubanite silver, 23000 miles, £14995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 K Elegance SE auto, ou53zgk, air conditioning, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, electric seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 15'' alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fsA regulated, obsidion black metallic, 44000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C200 K 1.8 Elegance SE auto leather, lg03hzf, air conditioning, full leather, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, electric seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 15'' alloys, beige leather trim, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fsA regulated, tansanite blue metallic, 46000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 K Avantgarde SE auto, kr53dou, air conditioning, powered folding mirrors, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, electric seats, sports seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 16'' alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price!, aluminium silver, 49000 miles, £7995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

MG

F, Convertible, 2000, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, silver, 72300 miles, £2300, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

F, Convertible, 2000, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, silver, 72300 miles, £2300, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

F, Convertible, 2000, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, silver, 72300 miles, £2300, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

ZR, 1.4 105, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats, trophy yellow, 55640 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

ZR, 1396cc 3 door, 2002, cd player driver's airbag power steering title check immobiliser, red, 70250 miles, £2995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ZS, 1.8 120, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags remote central locking, supertallic chagall, 66584 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TOYOTA

RAV-4, Xt5 VVT-I Auto, 7762079, full leather, colour satnav, power steering, cruise control, adjustable steering column, trip computer, remote central locking, remote alarm, auto-dip rearview, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, climate control, electric sunroof, abs, curtain airbags, twin air 29900 miles, £15995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, Nrg WT-I, 7819079, air conditioning, power steering, cd player, radio, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, electric windows, electric mirrors, abs, twin air bags, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, alloy wheels, 4x4, blue, 41000 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, XT-R VVT-I, 7833079, air conditioning, traction control, power steering, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, front fog lamps, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, roof rails, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, twin air bags, curtain airbags, full leather, alloy wheels, 4x4, grey, 67500 miles, £9995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RAV-4, Xt4 VVT-I automatic, gf53yol, full leather, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin air bags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, rear wash/wipe, trip computer, satellite navigation, remote central locking, 16'' alloys, 4x4, this high spec carbon quartz also fitted. carbon quartz met. 52000 miles, £8469, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

RAV-4, Xt4 VVT-I, gm04bvt, air conditioning, full leather, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, twin air bags, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, immobiliser, remote central locking, radio, 15'' alloys, 4x4, grey, 66000 miles, £7999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

RAV4, GX, 1994, blue, 157585 miles, £950, barry northrop, 07731118917 (PRIVATE)

RAV4, VX, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering tinted glass twin airbags remote central locking, lagoon blue, 84283 miles, £5080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RAV4, d-4d, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 64000 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RAV4, d-4d, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 64000 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

RAV4, GX Auto, 2002, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, red, 56537 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

VAUXHALL

AGILA, 12v, gk03zyd, immobiliser, power steering, radio, colour coded body, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, blue, 76000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

AGILA, Enjoy 16v Twinport, du05nnl, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, radio, child locks, head restraints, fully trimmed load compartment, dipping rear view mirror, twin sunvisors, front passenger under facia storage shelf, interior courtesy lights, four adjustable face level air vents, side window demist vents, air recirculation system, air blend heater/4 speed fan/illuminated controls, fuel tank located ahead of rear axle, deformation zones front and rear, reinforced passenger safety cell, energy absorbing steering column, height adjustable inertia reel front seatbelts, heated rear window, 4 speakers, laminated windscreen, white front turn indicators, tailgate pushlock, anti submarine front seats, body coloured electricdoor mirrors, illumination of load area, digital clock, lights on warning, freewheeling door locks, roof mounted aerial, front seatbelt pretensioners, rev counter, tinted glass, high level brake light, cupholders, two speed windscreen wipers, trip odometer, security code protection for audio, date and audio display, front and rear door pockets, tailgate assist struts, 3 spoke steering wheel, centre console storage, height adjustable front headrests, body colour door handles, side impact door beams, pollen filter, intermittent windscreen wipers, rear window wash/wipe, front seatbelt force limiters, side protection mouldings, outside temperature display with ice warning, 60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seat, accessory socket, clear headlight covers, flush fitting exterior door handles, glovebox with lid, body coloured bumpers, pedal alloy effect gear knob insert, gloss chrome interior door handles, black assist handles, gold, 20000 miles, £3995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 5dr, lx09ugn, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, air conditioning, roof rails, child locks, head restraints, air conditioning, tinted glass, front seatbelt pretensioners, roof mounted aerial, digital clock, height adjustable inertia reel front seatbelts, energy absorbing steering column, reinforced passenger safety cell, deformation zones front and rear, fuel tank located ahead of rear axle, heated rear window, 4 speakers, anti submarine front seats, laminated windscreen, pollen filter, front and rear door pockets, date and audio display, security code protection for audio, trip odometer, centre console storage, height adjustable front headrests, side impact door beams, intermittent windscreen wipers, rear window wash/wipe, two speed windscreen wipers, tailgate pushlock, white front turn indicators, twin sunvisors, dipping rear view mirror, fully trimmed load compartment, front passenger under facia storage shelf, interior courtesy lights, four adjustable face level air vents, side window demist vents, air recirculation system, air blend heater/4 speed fan/illuminated controls, lights on warning, freewheeling door locks, tailgate assist struts, body coloured electricdoor mirrors, rev counter, high level brake light, cupholders, outside temperature display with ice warning, 60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seat, 3 spoke steering wheel, side protection mouldings, rds eon with traffic programme, front seatbelt force limiters, glovebox with lid, full size steel spare wheel, accessory socket, flush fitting exterior door handles, chrome gear knob, removable load compartment cover, full length centre console with drinks holder, electronic headlamp levelling, illumination of load area, keys left in ignition warning, burst-proof door locks, passenger assist handles, fully trimmed passenger compartment, storage in outer sides of front seats, clear headlight covers, rigid loadspace cover, black tailgate handle, front and rear towing rings, body coloured bumpers, double din audio facia, pedal release system, passenger sunvisor with covered vanity mirror, chrome effect interior door handles, exterior chrome door handles, 3 point rear seatbelts x3, blue, 5000 miles, £9495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1248cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, steel silver, 10450 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, moroccan blue, 5150 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1229cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check, atlanta blue, 6350 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1229cc 5 door, 2010, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, lemon grass, 2790 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, lemon grass, 1350 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved blue, 1266 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, Club 1248cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, steel silver, 3900 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking, peacock, 4896 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power steering twin airbags, blue, 47000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering split silver, 28727 miles, £5480, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking, peacock, 4896 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history locking, peacock, 4896 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power steering twin airbags, blue, 47000 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric central locking roof bars, star silver, 28727 miles, £5480, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AGILA, Design, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats twin airbags remote central locking roof bars, star silver, 28727 miles, £5480, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

AGILA, 1.2 DESIGN, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power steering twin airbags, blue, 47000 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ANTARA, E 1991cc 5 door, 2010, cd player alloy wheels central locking approved driver's airbag multiple electric windows, placid grey, 3500 miles, £18995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ANTARA, E 1991cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, slate blue, 18100 miles, £12995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SXi 1686cc 3 door, 2007, central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, star silver, 40675 miles, £8795, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Breeze 1364cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, silver lightening, 10700 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SXi 1598cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, panacotta, 12625 miles, £9995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Breeze 1686cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, star silver, 14100 miles, £10495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Design 1796cc 5 door, 2007, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, silver lightening, 22190 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SRi 1998cc 3 door, 2005, cd player central locking driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, black sapphire, 22250 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SRi 1796cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, black sapphire, 14575 miles, £9995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Active 1598cc 5 door, 2006, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, ultra blue, 37000 miles, £6750, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Club 1364cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, silver lightening, 18218 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, SRi 1910cc 5 door, 2009, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering title check electric windows, star silver, 9710 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2.0 3dr, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer, silver, 72000 miles, £3500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering remote central locking, blue, 88000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2.0 3dr, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer, silver, 72000 miles, £3500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering remote central locking, blue, 88000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2.0 3dr, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering trip computer, silver, 72000 miles, £3500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering remote central locking, blue, 88000 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BORA, 1.6 16V S, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power locking, ink blue, 17179 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BORA, 1.6 16V S, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking, ink blue, 17179 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BORA, 1.6 16V S, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking, ink blue, 17179 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CADDY, 1.9 C20 TDi 104PS **Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering ply-lined steel bulkhead, blue, 69000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CADDY, 1.9 C20 TDi 104PS **Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering ply-lined steel bulkhead, blue, 69000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CADDY, 1.9 C20 TDi 104PS **Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering ply-lined steel bulkhead, blue, 69000 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 2.0SDI With Air Con & Electric Pack, eu05hxf. air conditioning, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, head restraints, bulkhead, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, parking sensor, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, blue, 44000 miles, £5495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 2.0SDI With Only 19000 Miles, md55xcl, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, bulkhead, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, radio, white, 19000 miles, £6000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 SDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, ve58bfn, side load door, cd player, power steering, remote central locking, immobiliser, air bag, abs, grp lined. gah fridge. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. white, 19000 miles, £10595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 1.9TDI 104bhp With Air Con & Sat Nav, gf09xxn, air conditioning, bluetooth, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric £10495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CRAFTER, 35 109Tdi Mwb Hi-Roof Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, sc56nco, high roof, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, traction control, abs, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined. gah fridge. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 18000 miles, £15595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CRAFTER, 35 109bhp Lwb Hi-Roof Chiller With Standby, yk08uma, side load door, dual passenger seat, high roof, cd player, air bag, abs, traction control, remote central locking, electric windows, power steering, immobiliser, grp lined. gah equipment. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 24000 miles, £17595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

PASSAT, TDI CR DFP DSG Geartronic, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 6000 miles, £17450, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 S TDi, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, cc, 2009, silver, 23047 miles, £16500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE 130 4dr, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 121000 miles, £3575, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE TDi, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 S TDi, 2007, black, 72847 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, Highline TDI CR DSG, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history heated seats metallic paint leather interior load liner multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass remote central locking, silver, 33000 miles, £14295, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 HIGHLINE TDi 130, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows metallic paint leather interior power steering traction control remote central locking, shadow blue, 70000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 S TDI, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tinted glass traction control trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 50030 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, sport, 2005, pearl, 44553 miles, £8100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 S TDi, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, cc, 2009, silver, 23047 miles, £16500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, TDI CR DFP DSG Geartronic, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip controls, black metallic, 6000 miles, £17450, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, SE, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 52500 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE 130 4dr, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 121000 miles, £3575, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE TDi, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 20V SE, 2002, white, 52000 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE TDi, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, TDI CR DFP DSG Geartronic, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 6000 miles, £17450, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 S TDi, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, shadow blue, 44000 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, cc, 2009, silver, 23047 miles, £16500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, SE, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 52500 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 HIGHLINE TDi 130, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows metallic paint leather interior power steering traction control remote central locking, shadow blue, 70000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 S TDi, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tinted glass traction control trip computer isofix child seat points, grey, 50030 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PASSAT, Highline TDI CR DPF, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows leather interior power steering, silver, 13654 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 S TDi, 2007, black, 72847 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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WE have tales of two great Kent and Folkestone-based institutions – Silver Spring soft drinks and holiday specialist Saga.

Silver Spring crashed last September, but has been reborn and now looks set to add considerably to its 140 years in business – its new boss Neill Cotton is not even ruling out acquisitions.

On the other hand, Saga – a more recent Folkestone success story and still highly profitable – is now weighed down by enormous overall debts incurred by a marriage to the AA.

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Rough economy threatens cross-Channel ferry jobs

By **STEVE LOADER** & **MATTHEW BEECH**

HUNDREDS of jobs in Dover could be at risk as two ferry companies battle to stay afloat against rivals and Eurotunnel.

LD Lines has said it will axe one ship on its Boulogne route and has not ruled out removing the remaining one, while a leaked memo shows that P&O Ferries – the biggest player on the Dover-Calais route – is looking for budget cuts.

Both companies blame a tough post-recession trading environment and competition from Eurotunnel, which is keen to make up lost ground after a disastrous fire in the tunnel itself in late 2008.

Signs of crisis on the ferries have already been seen after P&O and its two biggest rivals, Norfolkline and SeaFrance, joined forces to attack Dover Harbour Board (DHB) plans to privatise the port.

In an unusual show of solidarity, the trio vented their anger after DHB announced it would be upping ferry charges on top of the £60 million the operators had donated towards a new ferry terminal.

The ferry lines followed up by breaking off talks with port managers, which they called "a meaningless waste of time", and taking their complaints direct to new shipping minister Mike Penning, who promptly ordered a cooling off period and re-examination of DHB's plans; this ends next Friday, August 27 and has gathered even greater importance as pressure on the ferries becomes clearer.

TROUBLED WATERS: Both P&O Ferries and LD Lines are faced with making cuts to staffing

As it moved to slim its operations LD Lines said in a statement: "Like all other ferry operators on the Dover Strait, LD Lines is experiencing a very depressed market, tough trading environment and the aggressive pricing policy from Eurotunnel, all affecting volumes.

"The market needs to rectify supply and demand balance to have a chance of becoming profitable again and ensure long-term survival of the ferry industry, particularly across the Dover Strait."

Pressures

Meanwhile, job fears were sparked at P&O by the chief executive Helen Deeble memo to staff with news of a company budget review.

"Trading remains tough right around the business," she said.

"Our industry is still in the grip of strong recessionary pressures and our belief is that it is going to take a very long time before things return to normal. As a result, all of our sectors are struggling at present.

"This attack, in the form of a price war, emanates primarily from Eurotunnel, which has slashed its freight rates to win back the market share it lost to us after the tunnel fire in the autumn of 2008.

"The squeeze also applies to our Short Sea tourist business, where ferry competitors with lower costs than ours are constantly reducing their prices. "This all means we are being forced to reduce costs throughout the business in order to be able to compete.

"It is therefore important I highlight to you that our current performance is of serious concern and is going to require urgent attention."

Ironically, work is currently under way to remove a World War One blockship from near the western entrance to Dover docks, mostly to improve access for larger ferries that P&O hopes to start operating on the Calais route later this year.

Finance options getting better – at a price

BANKS and other lenders are keeping credit lines open to businesses in Kent and the South East, but exacting a higher price and putting clients under pressure.

That is the underlying message from the accountants' body, the ICAEW, and undermines claims that the banking sector has followed alleged reckless lending ahead of recession by all but turning off credit supply.

But the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) said local firms are having to pay more to finance their debts, even if those who do apply for funding are mostly successful.

Understandably though, says the group, most are reluctant to take on more debt and are either trying to manage or prune costs or meet their needs through existing debt facilities.

Of businesses surveyed across the region, 58 per cent of those renewing an existing debt facility over the past year say they are paying higher interest rates than before and, significantly, were subjected to higher arrangement fees when re-financing their facility.

Worryingly though, 29 per cent of businesses report pressure in the past 12 months as their lender tries to alter their main debt facility – usually the terms.

But the accountants say businesses have mostly heeded the warnings of the recession and taken firmer hold of finances – only 16 per cent had had to apply for new borrowing in the last 12 months.

However, this could have long-term business implications, with 17 per cent of firms pruning growth plans because of the need to manage their external debt facility.

And the banks may also be harming their own growth options, with only 16 per cent of businesses needing to apply for a new external debt facility.

But at least the lenders are saying 'yes' in most cases; 68 per cent of firms needing to refinance have been successful in their bid.

The ICAEW's regional spokesperson Fay Webster said: "The recession emphasised the importance of sound financial management.

"This financial discipline means there is now less demand by firms to extend their debt. This has also been influenced by having to pay a higher price for new debt facilities."

LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED TO UNDERSTAND OR CHECK THE FOLLOWING WHEN TRYING TO GET FINANCE IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, SAYS THE ICAEW

- Banks are more risk-averse and demand greater visibility of business performance
- Banks want an open and honest relationship that can help resolve a business's problems
- Assess your business's risk profile and how you might improve it
- If refused finance, or the terms offered are unacceptable, consider appealing to a higher level in the bank hierarchy
- Shop around – be aware of what other banks might offer
- Finance is now more expensive in terms of interest margins, arrangement fees and monitoring costs
- Consider raising more equity finance as an alternative or to supplement debt finance
- Good financial management should focus on tying up less working capital for any level of business activity

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Comment

THERE can be few interviews as fascinating and instructive from a business point of view as this week's big chat with the boss of Silver Spring, Neill Cotton.

First there is the rise and demise of what had been one of Kent's blue chip companies; a real innovator in its time, brought down by decisions and circumstances every bit as crucial as those that took it to the top in the first place.

And then came the moment when troubleshooter Cotton was parachuted into the wreckage to work out what business and jobs were worth saving.

It was a near textbook analysis and response.

Just 10 months on, Silver Spring is bubbling again and I say that after a tour around a plant that was almost lost; it is on such factory floor visits as much as management interviews upstairs that you get a feel for what is happening in a company.

And there was none of the sullen looks, shell shock or sloppiness that you see in a plant where morale and confidence is low. A visit to the new product development section also highlighted the extra fizz (sorry) about the place.

The mood there was not just "we're consolidating and doing what we do best" – laudable enough after Silver Spring's near death experience – but more "let's get back to pushing the envelope like we used to do".

Tellingly, Neill Cotton was also loathe to be labelled a troubleshooter; you get the impression that here is a bloke who has enjoyed some rescue missions, but has now found a place to settle down and give full rein to his experience.

Silver Spring will be in the news again – for the best reasons.

IT was also interesting to see contrasting views of private equity firms this week – the Silver Spring story so far casts the breed in a positive light, but we have also seen with developments at Saga how they can attract accusations of selfishness.

Fact is Saga became, and continues to be, a profitable Kent success story now endangered from outside by a classic example of the takeover hysteria and preposterous lending culture that shows the Noughties at their worst.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

Hospice says heat is on in the charity shop sector

DEMELZA Hospice Care for Children is radically modernising its shops in a bid to inject a further £1 million into fundraising.

The charity, which provides care for 600 children with terminal illnesses across Kent and the South East now needs around £7 million each year – the average cost per hour for care is £35 and a one-day stay at a Demelza hospice is £850.

The move also follows a toughening of the charity shop sector, though Demelza head of retail operations Claire Jordan denied that it was inspired by media shop guru Mary Portas's recent Mary – Queen of Charity Shops BBC TV documentary series.

"The recession has brought some new customers to our shops, which we of course welcome, but the pressure comes from a different direction," Claire said.

"As people are generally trying to save money, we are seeing a drop in both the level and quality of donations to our shops. This will, of course, have an impact on our sales.

"The new look wasn't driven by the recent series Mary – Queen of Charity Shops, but rather by a general upgrade being adopted within the charity sector itself and the desire to offer our customers a better shopping experience."

But she added: "I did see the show and it was very interesting; hopefully, it will encourage people to give us better quality donations and also to think about shopping with us. One of the 'tips' in the show was about offering premium clothing under a different label. This is something Demelza had already piloted under the label 'The Demelza Collection' and something we are keen to continue with."

DIGGING DEEP: Demelza hopes to raise £1m through its shops this year

The new Demelza shops' initiative includes the installation of an EPOS (electronic point of sale) sales and stock control system, and a loyalty card scheme together with two further shops and a range of new stock.

Claire added that despite the economy downturn, the shops had maintained profitability and justified the investment and more vigorous pursuit of the potential revenue.

Distribution

She said: "Every penny we make is invested back into our hospice and care services so it's a vitally important income. We are aiming to raise in excess of one million pounds a year.

"With the new (EPOS) system we will be able to track both donated and new stock which will give us the opportunity to claim 28 pence in every pound back in gift aid on everything we sell. We will also be able to link the Demelza lottery into the system and run a loyalty card system.

"Linking the loyalty card to EPOS will enable people to see how their donations are going and how much money they have raised. That's quite a powerful tool and we hope it will encourage people to keep donating and returning to Demelza.

"At the moment we sell clothes, bric-a-brac, greetings cards and books, but we plan to introduce furniture, electrical goods, stationery, gifts and vintage clothing to our range."

Demelza has 13 shops around the South East including Herne Bay, Whitstable, Hythe, Strood, West Wickham, Sheerness and Sittingbourne – where the main distribution warehouse is located. The shops rely almost completely on volunteers, with more than 400 giving up free time to support the hospice.

Two further shops are scheduled to open in Hailsham and Rainham.

For more information visit www.demelza.org.uk.

Planning go-ahead is just cool for CATS

HOBBS Parker Property Consultants, working with Clague Architects, has gained planning permission for the expansion of CATS College, Canterbury.

CATS (Cambridge Arts and Technology) is a long established sixth form college offering International Baccalaureate, A-Levels and university foundation courses.

The new teaching and accommodation block has been designed to fit a restricted site yet will provide 46 residential rooms for students along with 3,000 sq feet of teaching space. It also creates a central focal point or 'heart' for the college. Traditional, local building materials are to be used in fresh ways, says the developer.

Sustainable technologies have also been incorporated, including solar gain and solar shading, natural ventilation and solar panels sited on a sedum roof.

Hobbs Parker and its Canterbury-based architect partners previously staged a consultation exhibition to allow public comment on the scheme.

David Jarman – director of Hobbs Parker Property Consultants – said: "The application proposals have evolved through ongoing negotiations with the local planning authority, and we are very pleased that the proposals have had a very positive response, leading to the planning committee decision to grant approval, in accordance with the officer's recommendation."

Phase one of the building should start at the end of this year, with students moving in next September. Phase two is due for completion late 2013.

Moore merrier for award nomination

ONE of Debenhams' senior managers has been shortlisted for a top retail industry award.

Peter Moore, from Bekesbourne near Canterbury, is head of retail services at the department store chain's London head office and one three nominees for Retail Ambassador of the Year at the Skillsmart Retail Rising Stars Awards, run by Retail Week.

TOPS: Mr Moore

Retail ambassadors are people at all levels of retail who give up their time to talk to schools and colleges around the country about the benefits of a career in retail and inspire them to enter the sector.

Peter was nominated due to many events he has participated in, plus good feedback and relationships he has generated.

He will be at an awards ceremony in London on September 8 attended by top names in retail, including Dragons' Den star and chairman of Ryman, Theo Paphitis, who will present the awards.

Peter said: "I've been involved with work-related learning for more than 20 years, from work experience to the Young Enterprise programme. I'm passionate about engaging with young people and inspiring them to work in retail. The 'light bulb' moment, when you see that you've changed someone's mind about retail, is what drives me."

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WHAT do the Audi TT, VW Golf and Fiat 500 all have in common?

According to Business Car Manager – the online automotive magazine for small companies – they are the best business cars in their respective sectors.

Along with eight others – the Ford Fiesta, Skoda Yeti, Skoda Superb, Ford S-Max, Mini Cooper S, BMW 3 and 5-Series and Audi A5 Cabriolet – they were voted tops for company owners and their staff hunting that elusive blend of desirability and good running costs.

SAVILLS has been appointed by East Kent Opportunities (EKO) as property agents on the marketing and development of Manston Business Park in Thanet.

A Savills spokesman said the firm would work closely with Locate in Kent – Kent and Medway's investment promotion agency – to market the site to potential industrial, warehousing and office tenants.

EKO's executive director David Evans said: "EKO views Manston Business Park as a tremendous employment opportunity for the local area and a key part of Thanet's regeneration strategy."

His organisation is a joint venture between Kent County Council and Thanet District Council that owns Manston Business Park – formerly Kent International Business Park – and totalling 27 hectares next to the Kent International Airport and already home to Avia Services, Cohline (UK), Cummins Power Generation and Invicta Produce.

FLUENT French-speaking Kent lawyer Sarah Bogard is to run seminars at A Place in the Sun, the popular exhibition at the NEC Birmingham from October 1-3.

Sarah, a partner at Kent law firm Furley Page will talk about her speciality – legal issues related to buying and selling properties in France – and is joined by native French-speaking colleague Florence Richards, a French property and tax adviser.

A Place in the Sun is closely linked to Channel Four's programme of the same name and attracts thousands of visitors to twice-yearly events in London and Birmingham.

HAMWORTHY – a world leader in the design and manufacturer of fluid handling systems for the shipping industry – is opening an office in Dover.

It will house Hamworthy Krystallon, which has pioneered gas scrubber development as a commercially viable alternative to other costly technologies designed to help ships comply with new International Maritime Organisation emissions regulations.

The firm says it will tap into the Dover area's deep pool of talent in the marine industry – Hamworthy Krystallon's chief Sigurd Jenssen said the channel port had been "the natural choice" for the new base.

It also hopes to uphold a long-running relationship with Dover-based P&O Ferries; the line's Pride of Kent was one of the first ships to use Hamworthy Krystallon's innovative technology.

Saga marriage faces danger of AA breakdown

HOLIDAY specialist Saga's marriage to the Automobile Association roadside recovery giant is in danger of breakdown, ***writes Steve Loader***.

Kent-based Saga – which markets itself as 'doing things properly' – was wedded to the AA three years ago at the height of the buyout and takeover boom when lending was still cheap.

With both firms in private equity hands already – Charterhouse owning Saga and CVC running the AA – a 'super deal' was then put together also involving fellow private equity big-hitter, Permira, to create a new vehicle under the Acromas name and with a combined value of £6.15 billion.

Unfortunately, despite a strong sales performance and an operating profit of £183 million by both brands in the year up to January 31, that holding company has now posted a staggering loss of £529m and has total debts estimated at 11 times operating profit.

The root of the problem is servicing the debts incurred through the Saga/AA buyout, which has accounted for £705m over that year.

Unions within both firms are also reportedly unhappy about the pressure the mega-deal – which had valued Saga at £2.28bn and the AA at £3.35bn – was putting on salaries and staff pensions.

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Staff claim wages in both companies have fallen by an average of six per cent over the past year.

And GMB union national officer, Paul Maloney, has been widely quoted saying: "Private equity always wants to pay no one but themselves.

"And it's the workforce here that suffers."

The comment follows a history of simmering unrest, particularly on the AA side, after the original CVC deal led to cuts in AA staff and patrol cover and to a nationwide debate about the real motives of private equity firms: the future of companies and jobs or a quick profit take.

That question will be asked again after it was revealed that, despite the firm's huge losses, Acromas boss Andrew Goodsall earned £1.47m over the year – only slightly down on the previous year.

Saga has a landmark headquarters overlooking the sea at Sandgate near Folkestone.

Generous digital firm recognised for training role

WEB management firm GForces has been commended by Kent's Education Business Partnership (EBP) for helping to prepare the county's young people for roles in the UK digital economy.

The Bearsted firm has also earned an EBP certificate for 'outstanding employer contribution' and 'exceptional support in assisting the young people of Kent'.

Executive director, Anne McNulty, said: "GForces has been very generous in hosting students from Maidstone schools who are interested in IT and considering the sector for their future careers.

"To see a company being so generous with its time and expertise is humbling; they are a leading example amongst employers."

GForces works closely with the Cornwallis Academy – a modern secondary school in Maidstone – and Kent Works, an umbrella organisation across various schools in the county and offers pupils first-class work experience placements.

GForces also liaises with local universities and managing director Giles Smith said: "Investment in Kent's young people is a responsibility we take seriously and are therefore delighted our on-site training programme has been acknowledged so positively. It is clear from the feedback received that on-site training inspires and benefits students' development far more that traditional training methods."

GForces was recently granted planning permission to expand its site on Caring Lane in Bearsted. This incorporates an open-plan office, meeting and training rooms, staff bistro, and new digital media suite.

It also means room for 50 full-time staff and up to 50 work placement and work experience students from local schools and colleges.

Gabby 'comes home' to John Lewis Home store

RETAIL giant John Lewis has gone local to find a branch manager for its new John Lewis at Home store in Tunbridge Wells.

Gabby Armstrong lives in the town and will take the reins at the outlet off Longfield Road this autumn

Gabby, 36, brings more than 12 years' experience as a John Lewis partner – as staff are known – and will lead a newly-created team of 190.

She said: "I'm very proud to be involved in this exciting new format for John Lewis and introduce the 'at home' concept to my home town of Tunbridge Wells.

"Focusing exclusively on furniture, homeware, furnishing accessories and electrical and home technology, the new John Lewis at Home shop is the perfect way to bring the brand and its values to customers in the area.

"I am confident shoppers will be delighted by our quality assortment that includes products from leading London designers such as Orla Kiely, Designer's Guild, Clarissa Hulse and Sir Terence Conran.

"I have always been passionate about interiors and really enjoy applying this to my job by helping customers find the right products to suit their individual tastes, needs and budget."

HOME GIRL: Gabby Armstrong

She grew up in Newcastle where her father owned a chain of independent carpet shops and her mother ran an antiques shop, both helping her learn core skills in retail, service and customer care.

After a degree in pharmacology at King's College, London, Gabby joined the John Lewis graduate scheme in 1998, and has since held various management positions, including selling operations manager at John Lewis Bluewater.

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By MATTHEW EDWARDS, sales director of Swale Heating, the South East's largest independent heating company

MONDAY: Grab hard hat and head to a site meeting at our renewable energies project.

Swale Heating is one of a select number of companies chosen by the Government to measure the effectiveness of new 'green' fuel technology and home energy-saving measures. It's cutting-edge science, and this project is the first to assess the overall energy savings.

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We have had to source new materials, and equipment that will save on fuel usage and generate their own electricity. The 2010 Energy Bill will eventually require all householders and businesses to meter their energy and use these new fuel sources.

This project will put our staff at the forefront of groundbreaking technology and business innovation.

TUESDAY: Meet with our operations director to discuss our new training centre. We employ more than 400 staff and are expanding so it's vital we invest in new training tools. The facility at our Sittingbourne HQ will be ready in September, so it's time to start planning a launch event and publicity.

WEDNESDAY: Catch up on emails from the area representative of the Gas Safe Register. This is the new national listing for all gas engineers and ensures their work is safe and legal. We urge the public to check a gas engineer is accredited, but many don't and tragically there are still accidents caused by unsafe, untrained installers. We're backing the register's latest safety campaign Better Gas Safe Than Sorry.

This afternoon received documentation from housing group Affinity Sutton confirming our service contract for 12,000 properties.

Great news and certainly puts our company contracting figures well above 100,000 mark.

THURSDAY: Spent the morning at our advertising agency approving our Sussex TV campaign. From September we will service homes and businesses in Sussex so it's been a busy time overseeing recruitment and a new office set up.

Brainstorming with our PR team this afternoon. It's my chance to update them and get feedback: two big contract wins, completion of the training centre and progress on the renewables project. They suggest inviting Sittingbourne's MP Gordon Henderson to open the centre. We also agree on a feature about home heating tips and energy saving in the winter.

FRIDAY: Review this week's figures and prepare for today's board meeting. Lunch, and just time to visit the team at a shopping centre promotional stand. Briefed the board on developments and add some 'new energy' facts such as 'if every household in the country installed a high-efficiency boiler, the energy saved would be enough to heat and power almost two million homes.' Probably just set next year's sales target…

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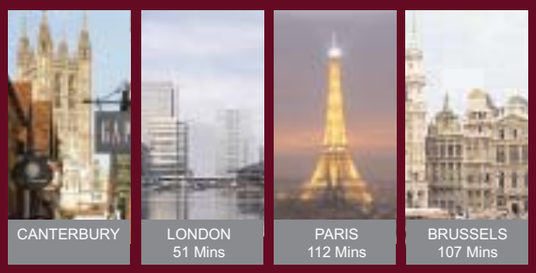

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Putting the fizz back after Silver Spring went pop

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NEVER mind the might of Coca-Cola, Britvic and other top of the pops brands, because Kent has its own pop star.

And the name Silver Spring is not marketing spin either, because the business is genuinely founded on a natural spring filtered through the famous chalk downs outcropping at the White Cliffs of Dover.

But this innovative Folkestone firm so nearly died last September after what new managing director **NEILL COTTON** describes as 'a tragedy of errors'.

Business editor STEVE LOADER spoke to him about the surgery before what has now become a speedy recovery

NEILL COTTON

AFTER 130 years of fizz, things went flat for Silver Spring last September.

The once bubbly Folkestone soft drinks firm owed £30 million and, in a sector known for big volumes and low margins, even an annual turnover of £45m was unlikely to claw that back without drastic action.

When the firm's bank called in proven troubleshooter Neill Cotton last summer he found consistent losses over five years, although the company had just recorded its best ever sales for July.

Cotton said: "In many cases the company just hadn't been tough enough – Silver Spring was being bullied from both ends, by customers and by suppliers."

The firm had also fallen into a classic trap of high volume own label business with big retailers.

"You risk being busy fools; it's one of those great management idioms: volume is vanity – profit is sanity," he said. "In its last full year the company had a turnover of £45m – £10m was loss-making. We were losing a penny a bottle on some discount retailer/own label business.

"Two of the sector's big players are eight-10 times bigger than us and do that stuff really efficiently, but it doesn't play to our strengths; it doesn't need to be our spring water – it can be mains water; it doesn't need our natural flavourings – it can be artificial flavourings."

The company was also trying to do too much in-house rather than subcontracting out and concentrating on core business.

"We tried to do our own haulage when there are people who specialise in that; we had our own garage repairing our own vehicles and fork-lift trucks; we had our own toolrooms so that we could machine replacement parts for the plant."

It faced just two options, he said: "One was liquidation; 240 people lose their jobs, suppliers lose any opportunity to trade on with Silver Spring, the brands vanish and the bank sells all physical assets."

The chosen alternative was a 'pre-pack administration' in which a new company set-up was agreed with the administrator even before Silver Spring was declared insolvent on September 17.

He described it as "a blunt instrument", understandably unpopular with creditors as their invoices were flushed away with the old company and a new solvent concern put in its place.

But he added: "It was the old management that lost that money and this was the only way possible to save this business. Ten months on and we have a track record of paying every supplier on time under the new business, a strong balance sheet and negligible debt."

The speedy restructuring was also vital in a sector ruled by big retailers, he said.

NEILL COTTON'S CV

Born in Lancashire, but raised in Kent where he attended the Rochester Math School, he achieved an MA (Hons) in philosophy, politics and economics at Exeter College, Oxford.

He has since built up wide-ranging drinks and retail experience, notably in the Far East in various marketing and management roles with the Jardine Matheson group.

In 2001 he founded the Atlas Brewery in Glencoe, Scotland, and while there was short-listed as the Institute of Directors' Scottish director of the year.

More recently, he has worked as both an in-house and freelance turnaround consultant leading to his appointment last July as Silver Spring MD.

He lives near Maidstone, where his wife Clare is a doctor.

"Those guys do not want their shelves empty, so the moment they hear a supplier is in administration they assume he is dead and are looking elsewhere for supply. We could not allow this business to trade through administration while a public process is gone through to sell it.

"It had to be done this way so that the first a customer knows is a call from me saying, 'Hello this is the new owner of Silver Spring. This is the process we've just had to go through and we can guarantee continuity of supply'."

And he is quick to praise the company's private equity backers, Privet Capital. He accepts that private equity concerns have a reputation for picking up ailing firms for a song and then selling on for big profits, but points out that Privet had looked at some 200 firms since being established a year ago, yet bought into just three – suggesting that it was more than a 'fast buck' operation.

It is also clear he hates being linked with sharp practice.

"I need to be able to look anybody in the eye," Cotton said.

And nowhere was this clearer that in managing redundancies in a loyal work force.

He said: "Many have parents who worked here before them. They have understood the need for change and that not all of that is going to be fun.

"I took the difficult decision to stand up in front of the entire Silver Spring team on December 18 to announce the redundancy process and the financial reasons behind it.

"I could have kept that secret until the process started on January 5, but that's not how I work.

"Yes, the timing was dreadful, but it's never going to be good for a process like this, and at the end of that presentation, two factory colleagues stood up and said, 'Thank you for having the courage to tell us before Christmas; it can't be easy for you', which was

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incredibly big of them, but also shows how we are trying to develop the right kind of corporate culture in Silver Spring."

He then brought in a top human resources advisor and jobs were found for most of the redundant employees who wanted other work.

The full-time work force of 242 last September was cut to 181, though this has risen to 190 with marketing and sales appointments aimed at getting the brands back on the move.

Silver Spring now has a turnover of £35m and is in profit after saving £2m in procurement alone and resigning loss-making business except where it might jeopardise relations with valued customers and profitable deals in other areas of the business, which he calls the "best independent drinks company in Britain."

He says its secret weapon is the nearby spring itself, a geological quirk, gathering calcium-laden water from the chalk mass that is East Kent before collecting in a natural sump just north of Folkestone.

The Victorians saw its commercial potential and built tunnels and reservoirs to gather the healthy water, piped into the 13-acre Silver Spring plant at Park Farm.

The company grew fast after World War Two, absorbing Harris of Hythe and Bings of Canterbury, the latter having also taken over Robins of Canterbury and Margate. All were familiar names on traditional marble-top fizzy drink bottles, where the sound of breaking the marble seal led to the expression 'bottles of pop'.

Acquisition was followed by mid-80s innovation when the company boss decreed that glass and cans were old hat.

Twice the company's annual turnover was then borrowed to install the UK's first plastic bottling line, trumping the sector's national players.

The firm then more or less invented the flavoured water market with Perfectly Clear.

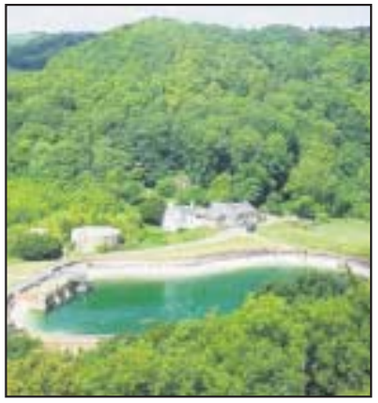
A revamp for Perfectly Clear is now under way and Cotton plans the same with its upmarket mixers range, 1870 – branding that echoes the original company's year of founding – while hinting at all-new products.

He also has a shrewd eye on consumer concern about the environment and 'food miles' – the impact of trucking drinks over huge distances – and is happy to point out that key rivals in bottled waters are based in the Scottish Highlands and the Pyrenees.

He added: "We are the closest commercially-sized spring to half the UK population and maintain a recycled content in our bottles as high as the supply chain allows.

"We have also gone from sending 26 loads to landfill each week to just one in 10 months… and we've had quite a lot else to do in that time."

WELL: There really is a Silver Spring and this is one of the reservoir lakes (below) above Folkestone where the water is piped to the Park Farm plant



What happens when the company is fully back on track though – will the troubleshooting instinct make him restless?

Cotton said: "If it's about doing a reliable job of growing the business by three per cent each year then that's not me," he admitted.

"But if we can develop new brands and get into new categories, look at new lines, if there continue to be really big challenges, then I would be happy to stay here for the medium term. I don't see this as a quick bit of financial engineering or sharp-suited management jargon before moving onto the next thing."

And he did not rule out a return to Silver Spring's old acquisitive ways.

"We have Privet Capital behind us and I would love Silver Spring be a focus for consolidation again.

"For now, I'm 50 per cent delighted and 50 per cent frustrated at where we are today, but we can't fix five years of under investment and under management in just a few short months," Cotton added.

NEILL'S TOP TIPS

- COMMUNICATE: "When businesses get into trouble they tend not to share information. They get embarrassed and family businesses tend to be the worst at sharing information. I felt there was a big communication gap when I arrived here." His remedy was to write a weekly email and notice board bulletin without fail, explaining the pluses and minuses of the previous week.
- **STICK TO WHAT YOU DO BEST: Silver Spring strayed too far away from its core business of making soft drinks and bottled waters. "It did not need to be repairing its own fork lift trucks," said Cotton.**
- KEEP ON TOP OF SUPPLIERS: "We've cut our annual electricity bill by three-quarters of a million pounds. The old company was not clever in procurement; in those funny days of September, 2008, when the oil price hit $250 a barrel for a few days and energy prices spiked, it managed to tie itself into an electricity contract for three years."

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No time to rest in the beds trade

OPENING a store in Maidstone has underlined the success of a sales format hammered out some 30 years ago by Beaumont Beds' partners Eddie Friend and Bob Feeney.

It was in Maidstone that the pair were already running separate firms – Bob ran a carpet shop and Eddie was an international furniture buyer – when they hatched the plan for what has become a 19-store business.

They saw a gap in the market for a complete bed service: advice and guidance, top designs at low prices, delivery within 24 hours where possible and installation engineers to assemble when required.

They also commissioned an eye-catching 'night owl' logo from local designer Alan Reading that could work at an inch-high on the stationery and eight-feet high on the huge delivery vehicles needed for their chosen sector.

Starting in Lewisham, Beaumont has expanded across the South East and Eddie Friend attributed success to listening to customers and rapid response to market changes.

He said: "It is no good taking a success and just continuing the formula; change is the only thing that we can rely on.

"We feel we are absolutely the optimum size of company; big enough to buy in bulk from all over the world, always focused on the best new designs from the best brands, but small enough to respond quickly to changing fashion and customer demands."

A DONE DEAL: NatWest's Jeremy Keeler (left) with Fox managing director Kevin Stanton

Stamp of approval for print firm's cash hunt

By STEVE LOADER

FOX Printing Services of Tunbridge Wells has landed a £750,000 refinancing package with the NatWest group.

The print firm was founded in Paddock Wood by Kevin Stanton in November 2001 with just five staff, fulfilling Mr Stanton's dream to run his own business.

By 2005, it had moved to Tunbridge Wells and a 15,000 sq ft premises, re-worked to allow even more of the expansion that won Mr Stanton an Entrepreneur Award at the 2007 BPFI Printing Awards.

However, maintaining such momentum and success up to national level has required further investment in technology, leading to the £750k refinance from Lombard and a switch to NatWest for the company's banking.

Fox Print managing director Kevin Stanton said: "I firmly believe our technology offering on a local and national scale is at the forefront of the market.

"With an annual turnover of £6 million and recognition as a good local employer in Tunbridge Wells – boasting a team of nearly 50 people with sound industry knowledge – we continue to win contracts with blue-chip operators. With Lombard and NatWest now on board I believe our working partnership will enhance the long-term business strategy we require to grow the business further."

Jeremy Keeler, relationship manager at NatWest, added: "We have provided a refinance package that will assist the business with working capital at a time it is required to drive the business forward."

Going Barking Mad a wise move

SALLY Hall wanted a business to run from her home in Gillingham and ended up joining Barking Mad – a homecare alternative to kennelling.

She had worked as a marketing manager for a City commercial property firm, but yearned for a change of direction.

"For many years I've harboured a desire to work with animals and at long last my dream has been realised," said Sally.

"I'm now able to combine my love of dogs with running my own business. I really enjoy meeting like-minded people and being able to solve their pet care dilemmas, it gives me a tremendous amount of job satisfaction.

"They say the best part about being a grandparent is that you have all the fun before handing the grandchildren back, and Barking Mad is the canine equivalent," added Sally, who runs the Barking Mad Maidstone, Medway and Sittingbourne areas.

Barking Mad founder Lee Southern, developed her enterprise out of sheer frustration when she failed to find suitable care for her own dog and realised that some pet owners simply did not take breaks and holidays if it meant leaving their pets behind, expanding the service from her base in Lancashire.

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Insulate against VAT chiller this winter…

PREDICTED by many, but delayed until January 4 next year, the new Government's plan to increase VAT to 20 per cent allows time to plan for its impact, writes Reeve and Neylan VAT specialist **TRACY BOOTH**.

Most will be familiar with the implications, having been through the increase from 15 to 17.5 per cent on January 1 this year. The new rate – nearer the EU average – will claim one sixth of a retailer's standard-rated gross takings and supposedly net the Government £1 billion per month.

The last few months of 2010 provide the opportunity to pre-empt the effects of the new rate, and minimise potential losses.

Here are some issues for businesses to consider in preparation:

TAX POINTS – ensure that you (and your staff) are clear on when a tax point occurs; this will decide the rate which applies.

Invoicing at 17.5 per cent may not be a huge issue for those with VAT-registered customers who can recover all the VAT they incur although there are still cash flow implications.

But others who cannot, such as certain charities, unregistered businesses and those unable to recover VAT in the health, education, financial and insurance sectors, will seek to benefit from the lower rate as far as possible. Invoicing/paying before the change may be beneficial, but be aware of:

ANTI-FORESTALLING REGULATIONS – these will restrict schemes that aim to apply the 17.5 per cent rate to goods or services supplied after January 3, 2011, by invoicing or paying in advance.

A supplementary VAT charge of 2.5 per cent will be payable where the customer cannot recover all the VAT on a supply and any of the following conditions are met:

- supplier and customer are connected.
- supplier funds the purchase.
- payment is not due for at least six months.
- value of the supply is £100,000 or more,

unless the prepayment or advance invoice is deemed to be 'normal commercial practice'.

These measures should not be a surprise as they are identical to those which covered the return from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent in January.

CHARITIES, EXEMPT AND NON-VAT REGISTERED BUSINESSES – anyone who cannot recover the VAT they are charged and are considering making a capital investment may wish to bring forward their plans and benefit from a 2.5 per cent saving by buying at the 17.5 per cent rate.

For lesser purchases, any potential saving should be balanced against outlay; it will take expenditure of £1,000 to save £25.

ALLOW EXTRA TIME/RESOURCES TO MANAGE THE CHANGE – HMRC will not be lenient with errors related to the rate increase when we have already been through an increase recently and more than five months notice has been allowed.

The new penalty regime could mean harsher fines for inaccurate record keeping.

Ensure that you account for the increases in car fuel scale charges and flat rate scheme percentages which will be announced by HMRC in due course.

Always ensure that VAT is adjusted at the correct rate on credit notes issued after the increase, for supplies made before it – particularly pertinent for retailers post-Christmas and in the sales.

FLAT RATE SCHEME – businesses using it should consider reviewing whether they may be able to apply a category with a lower rate.

Those smaller businesses not using it may like to consider the potential savings through accounting for VAT at a lower rate as a percentage of total turnover, instead of accounting separately for all sales and purchases.

CASH ACCOUNTING – businesses with an expected annual turnover of under £1.35m suffering late or non-paying customers may help their cash flow by cash accounting; accounting for VAT only when they are paid, rather than on invoicing. Equally, VAT can only be recovered when payment is made for purchases.

BAD DEBT RELIEF – normally, if a debt is six months old (ie six months have elapsed since payment was due) and has been written-off into a 'refunds for bad debts' account, any VAT accounted for on it by a supplier can be recovered through their VAT return.

As some businesses struggle to cope with narrowing margins and a potential deepening recession, don't carry any more financial burden than necessary.

IMPORTERS – now may be a good time to review duty deferment levels. Simplified Import VAT Accounting (SIVA) may be a good option; it is a scheme that allows you to reduce the level of financial guarantee required to operate a duty deferment account for VAT purposes only.

This may mean cost of having a guarantee is reduced.

TALKING SHOP: VAT specialist Tracey Booth

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INJURY FEAR: TJs are struggling to find safe pitches for pre-season friendlies

Hard pitch puts halt to TJs friendly

HE may not get much sympathy from rival coaches, but Tonbridge Juddians' Peter Dankert has a dilemma with just a fortnight to go before the start of the new season.

The London 2 South East champions have 25 players who could all play in the first-team, but are only able to pick 18 to play in each game.

And in the short term, finding a venue is also proving problematic.

The club had to cancel last Saturday's planned friendly with Sidcup at the Slade and now have just one friendly, at Gravesend next Saturday, before the London 1 South season starts at Chichester the following weekend.

Dankert said: "The ground is too hard where we were supposed to be playing and Tonbridge Council won't allow the game to go ahead.

"It's too hard at Hadlow College too and we'd end up with injuries, so we'll train instead."

The TJs coach says the players have looked after themselves during the close season, however, which should compensate.

"They've come back very fit which means we can concentrate on game play and technique rather than fitness levels," he said.

TJs have signed Charlie Harding from rivals Tunbridge Wells and the centre featured in the 27-6 win against Canterbury earlier this month.

Wells coach driving his players to peak fitness

By STEVE TERVET

TUNBRIDGE Wells coach Jim Scully says he is only interested in the fitness levels of his squad as they return to action with two warm-up games this week.

Scully's side travel to face Aylesford Bulls on Tuesday before meeting Sidcup in the Kent Cup on Sunday, but he insists the results of both games are secondary to the Wells' performances.

Since taking over from Paul Hathaway this summer, Scully has focused on getting his players into peak physical condition ahead of the new London 1 South season.

Now, with pre-season nearing its climax, he has his first opportunity to see how they have progressed ahead of the league opener at home to Cobham on September 4.

He said: "The league's got to be our focus so in the two games before that it's important that we play some rugby and establish some basic things. I don't think the results are that important in these two games.

"These are trial games, an opportunity for us to get match fitness."

The Wells will also be under new leadership on the field this season, with Iain Bartley taking over from James Gwinnett as 1st XV captain.

Kiwi Sam O'Leary has joined his new teammates ahead of the new campaign and Scully said everyone around the club was itching for the first game to arrive.

"We want to start playing rugby now," he said. "We'll rotate the players in the two games to give everyone a chance. Sidcup is a game where we'll take our first-team squad and we'll look to do well because the result is more important there. It's not the be-all and end-all and we won't get carried away, but we will take it seriously."

Pictures: BRUCE ELLIOTT

NEW LEADER: Iain Bartley (right) will start the season as new Tunbridge Wells captain

'Awesome' Oaks are raring to go

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

SHAPING UP: Sevenoaks are ready to go

IF PRE-SEASON is anything to go by, Sevenoaks should be able to hit the ground running when they begin their London 2 South East season next month.

The Oaks take on Old Dunstonins at Knole Paddock on September 11, and coach James Leverington is happy with their pre-season progress to date.

"Training has been awesome," he said. "We started on June 22, three times a week and our sponsors Godfreys supplied us with 420kg of weights and bars, plus I bought in some outside equipment.

"It's been incredible to see the group grow and have 30 to 40 guys at each session. We have had 26 training sessions before the Sutton & Epsom game, with an amazing intensity."

This Saturday's trip to Sutton & Epsom was the first fully-fledged friendly of the new campaign, although Leverington wasn't too concerned with the result against opponents from the league above.

He said: "It's all about getting phases completed properly, lines of running, the moves run through, defensive lines and communication.

"As long as we get this right before September 11, I'll be happy. Winning is a by-product of the work we are doing at the club."

There have been a number of changes behind the scenes since the end of last season, with Ed Alteirac named captain and Matt Bates his number two.

Peter Breen has been named forward coach and Leverington says: "He has already changed the mindset and abilities of the forwards from last season."

Josh Baldock and Olly Boatwright Smith are captain and vice-captain respectively of the seconds, where Paul Vizard remains as manager.

Next weekend the Oaks travel to Romford, before a final friendly at home to London Cornish on September 4.

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Games shock for Hunt

THE disappointment of missing out on the World Equestrian Games is slowly wearing off for Sharon Hunt, but the three-day eventer admits she is still baffled by her omission.

Hunt, who lives in Bedgebury, near Tunbridge Wells, was named as a non-travelling reserve for the event in Kentucky, which is rated by many in the sport as more important than the Olympic Games.

However, her form on board Tankers Town this season had pushed her case for selection and the 32-year-old was left scratching her head when the team was announced.

She said: "I had probably the best season I've ever had. I have won three events so I was amazed and very disappointed not to get in. Not all of [the horses selected] have ridden a four-star event. For me, it's so disappointing because I won a four-star and I thought I'd done enough."

Hunt is now preparing Tankers Town for the HSBC Classics event at Pau in France in November after deciding she had insufficient preparation time to compete at the Burghley Horse Trials next month.

LEFT OUT: Sharon Hunt was left perplexed by World Equestrian Games omission

Italian job icing on the cake for Cowdrey bowler

INTERNATIONAL DUTY: Gayashan Munasinghe
Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

By STEVE TERVET

A SUPERB season got even better for Gayashan Munasinghe this week as the Cowdrey cricketer joined the Italy squad for a series of international games on home soil.

Munasinghe, who arrived at the Tonbridge club as their overseas player at the start of the summer, has been a star of their promotion charge and he will return for the final two league games of the season.

However, with Italy playing a week of fixtures in the World Cricket League, the Sri Lanka-born bowler swapped the Kent Regional League for a very different scene against several emerging cricketing nations.

Italy's first game against the Cayman Islands was abandoned and they lost to Nepal by five wickets, before recovering to beat Argentina by 60 runs, with Munasinghe taking two wickets.

The Italians play in Division Four of the competition, which offers the chance for all ICC member countries to qualify for the World Cup and compete against teams of a similar standard.

Cowdrey went into Saturday's game against R A C S needing 15 points to secure promotion to the Kent League and secretary Bill Warner praised Munasinghe's contribution since joining the club.

"Others have contributed, but Shan's certainly been a major factor," he said. "He's the leading wicket-taker in the Premier Division and he's done well for us, he's as good an overseas player as we've had.

"It was a bit last-minute, he was available although we weren't sure about a Sri Lankan playing in Italy. We took a bit of a risk so we're pleased with the result. It's his decision entirely if he wants to come back [next season] but the offer is there."

Ightham's summer of discontent

GROUND WATCH

This week **STEVE TERVET** visited Ightham and discovered a club with rich history but struggling to end their turbulent summer on a high note

CRICKET has been played in Ightham for almost 250 years, but rarely has the club endured a more difficult summer than this season.

Preparations for life in Division Two of the Kent County Village League were thrown into chaos when club officials arrived at the Tonbridge Road ground to discover a wrecked playing surface.

Ightham fixtures secretary Geoff Preston said: "We've had enormous problems this year because a great part of the outfield was dug up by crows and we had to have it all re-laid. We weren't able to use the ground until mid-June so we switched all our fixtures round, we borrowed a ground for league matches and switched our Sunday games from home to away."

Preston, a former captain and chairman of the club, has seen little change at Ightham since his arrival in 1976, other than minor extension work to the ageing pavilion.

The club's history dates back to the 1770s, playing at William James Paddock and then Ismays Road before moving to Tonbridge Road in the late 1880s and purchasing the land in 1937.

Preston said: "The only change is that we've started playing league cricket within the last four seasons. It's been a bit of a struggle, we're in the relegation zone, but hopefully that will change over the last couple of games."

The most famous figure to appear at Ightham was former England Test bowler Jim Laker, who featured for Surrey against a Sevenoaks & District XI before going on to take 19 wickets against Australia at Old Trafford.

Captain's log

Tim Seeger

Skipper of Four Elms

FOUR Elms have made steady progress over the last few seasons, thanks largely to the bowling efforts of Tim Seegar, who first played for the club's 1st XI in 2006.

Based between Edenbridge and Sevenoaks, the club narrowly escaped relegation from Division One of the Kent County Village League in 2008, but improved to finish fifth last season.

During that campaign, Seegar enjoyed his best season with the ball, taking 28 wickets at an average of 14.57. He is on course to better the total this summer.

How long have you been captain?
I've captained the Sunday side for some years but this is my first year in charge of the Saturday 1st XI.

Who is the best player you have played with?
I played representative cricket for Kent when I was younger and I've been fortunate enough to play with a lot of good cricketers, including Alec Stewart.

And against?
Graham Grace, who represented South Africa, turned us over last year in a Sunday game – it was finished within 10 overs.

If you could add any player from world cricket to your team, who would it be?
Someone like Shane Warne. Some clubs take things too seriously but Four Elms has always had a maverick element and some teams just attract that sort of player.

Which captain do you most look up to?
Mike Brearley was the master but Ricky Ponting is fantastic at leading from the front.

What is the best thing about being captain?
The satisfaction of winning.

And the worst?
The fact you feel responsible for mistakes and poor performances. You do end up carrying the can because you're the one leading the team.

What's your favourite ground to play at?
We've got the best ground in our league, although I have been lucky enough to play at a lot of nice grounds including The Oval, Bristol and Edgbaston.

KP switch-hit or Michael Vaughan cover-drive?
Has to be the cover drive, which I just think is more aesthetically pleasing.

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Tonbridge target set for a knee operation

By FRED ATKINS

Boss hopes surgery and signing for Angels will reinvigorate midfielder

ALAN Pouton could yet play a part in Tonbridge Angels' Ryman Premier Division campaign this season after undergoing an operation on his knee last Thursday.

The former Grimsby and Gillingham midfielder, who is currently without a club, has been on the Angels' radar this summer, and manager Tommy Warrilow admitted he was hopeful a deal could be done last week, after Pouton attended the 1-0 friendly defeat to Dartford at Longmead.

A deal is still possible, according to Warrilow, but everything hinges on how Pouton's knee responds to surgery.

"The operation was just a clear out, but now Pouts has got two weeks of doing nothing," Warrilow said. "It's the first clear out he's had on his knee for four years, so hopefully it'll give him a new lease of life for a couple of seasons."

In the short-term, goalkeeper Lee Worgan should return to the starting line-up for Tuesday night's home league game with Bury Town after missing Saturday's trip to Billericay while serving a one-game suspension.

Bury were moved into the Ryman League during the summer, after winning the Southern League Midland Division.

"We've heard they're trying to sign Jamie Scowcroft [formerly of Ipswich Town and Crystal Palace], but our paths haven't crossed before because of the different leagues, so they are a bit of an unknown quantity," Warrilow said.

The Angels boss expects the two new East Anglian teams in the division, Bury and Lowestoft, to be serious rivals this year.

"Lowestoft have got a massive supporter base and they've got strong links with Norwich and Ipswich," he said. "If their players don't go to Lowestoft then they tend to go to Bury, so they're going to be very hard games."

Town have signed the former Peterborough and Cambridge United midfielder Mark Coulson, but are still waiting on a decision from Scowcroft, 34, who is weighing up a number of offers after being released by Leyton Orient at the end of last season.

TARGET: Tommy Warrilow (left) wants midfielder Alan Pouton (pictured during his time with Dover)

Break is set to give Sevenoaks a break

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

PRACTICE: Break will give Toby Webb and Sevenoaks time to work on their set plays

THE season may only be a fortnight old, but Sevenoaks Town manager Keith Levett says he is glad his side have a mini-break before their next game, the Kent League derby with Tunbridge Wells on Monday week.

While disappointed with the manner of Town's exit from the FA Cup last week and the loss of £750 in potential prize money after their 1-0 defeat at Lingfield, Levett feels the absence of a fixture this week will allow his young squad time to regroup.

"It's good because it'll give us time to work on our set plays and get things across to them (the players)," Levett said.

Town were expected to make changes ahead of Saturday's trip to Erith & Belvedere, with Levett not ruling out bringing in new signings, but for the moment the management are being patient with a squad who they expect will take a while to gel.

And there have been some encouraging signs in the way Town have played so far, having fought back from 2-1 down to earn a point against Norton on the opening day and having won 13 corners during the loss to Lingfield.

"We never really looked like scoring" Levett conceded, after the Lingfield loss. "And we've got no excuses, but Toby Webb, the right-back, did really well and Joe Creasey did well up front and when he went wide."

At the moment Levett says there's no need to overreact, although things will need to improve.

"I'm not planning on giving them a rollocking," he said. "The rollockings will come if performances don't improve, but at the moment we're looking to get their understanding."

CUP DROUGHT: Martin Larkin (in red shorts) guided Wells to their first cup win since he took over the club

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Larkin relieved to finally break his FA Cup duck

LAST Saturday's 1-0 win at Mile Oak may seem an unremarkable result, but for Tunbridge Wells manager Martin Larkin the victory was hugely significant, ***writes Steve Tervet.***

Since taking over as manager at Culverden Stadium, Larkin had failed to lead his side to a single win in cup competitions, but Drew Crush's goal ended that unwanted record at the seventh time of asking.

Larkin's team-talk ahead of the FA Cup tie left his players in no doubt about the task at hand and he revealed the win had spared them a punishing training session next weekend.

He said: "The last thing we said in the changing-room was that we didn't want a spare Saturday [on August 28].

"The boys would have been running around a field if we'd lost and had the spare Saturday – that was our target since the start of the month. I was happy with that [winning the cup-tie], to get that box ticked nice and early."

The Wells now have a tie against Dulwich Hamlet to look forward to next Saturday, with the Ryman South side travelling to Culverden for what will be Larkin's biggest game since taking charge.

Having sidestepped last weekend's potential banana-skin against the Sussex League Division Two side, Larkin believes the pressure is now off his side as they adopt the tag of underdogs.

"It's a big game," he said. "Traditionally, Dulwich are a large non-league club, they're above us and we become what Mile Oak were – the smaller club trying to cause an upset. They've made some good signings over the summer and it'll be a big test for us.

"We'll approach the game to win it, but they're a much bigger club than us. It's a chance for our guys to put themselves up against a very big Ryman side and it's a test to see where we are as a club."

Town boss could ring changes

Erith & Belvedere v

Sevenoaks Town

KICK-OFF 3PM AT PARK VIEW ROAD

KEITH Levett says he is "very tempted" to make sweeping changes ahead of Sevenoaks Town's trip to Erith & Belverdere this afternoon.

The Town boss was less than impressed with the way his side bowed out of the FA Cup last Sunday, losing 1-0 away to Lingfield of the Sussex County League.

"We think up front and in the midfield it wasn't right," Levett said. "The back four and the goalkeeper looked pretty solid, but we didn't play very well and the performance was not what we expected. Four or five players didn't perform to the levels they'd shown in training."

The only goal came on the half-hour from Lingfield skipper Phil Dickson and although Town created a number of chances, the closest they came to scoring was when Joe Creasey hit the post.

Levett expects changes to be made for the trip to Park View Road, with replacements either coming from within the club or from elsewhere.

Reece Walsh is the only injury concern, having been kicked on the ankle moments after coming on as a substitute.

"He was only on for five minutes when he got kicked, but he bravely carried on because all the subs had been used," Levett said.

The Deres won 2-0 at Holmesdale last week, with both goals coming from loan striker Marcus Cassius.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

BEST EFFORT: Joe Creasey hit the post in Sevenoaks' FA Cup exit at Lingfield last week

"We've had them watched and we know what they're about," Levett said. "I know they've got the lad in from Bromley (Cassius) but today isn't really about them. We know they're a decent side, but it's about focusing on what we've got to do."

Wells set for a stern examination at Erith

By STEVE TERVET

Erith Town v

Tunbridge Wells

KICK-OFF 3PM AT ERITH STADIUM

THERE will be no talk of FA Cup glory among the Tunbridge Wells squad this afternoon as manager Martin Larkin focuses minds on a testing assignment at Erith Town in the Kent League.

Last Saturday's 1-0 win at Mile Oak set up a preliminary round clash with Dulwich Hamlet at Culverden Stadium next Saturday, but Larkin insists the Kent League remains his priority.

After scrapping for a goalless draw against Beckenham Town on the opening weekend, Larkin's side are yet to concede this season, but this afternoon promises to be their sternest examination.

Rikki Cable, formerly of the Wells, is one of three new faces added to the Dockers strike-force over the summer, alongside Billy Shinners and Leroy Huggins, who spent last season with Sevenoaks Town and Margate respectively.

Larkin said: "Erith is a more important game [than Dulwich] for me because there are three points on offer. They're a club with a good team and a sizeable budget.

"In Rikki, Leroy and Billy, they've got three strikers who would walk into any other team so they're exceptional going forward. We've got to guard against that, but we've got a game-plan and we'll go there with confidence.

RETURN: (l-r) Perry Spackman and Tom Davey are available for Wells Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

"We know Rikki from when he was here before and we need to look after him. However, there's no point concentrating on one player and leaving the other 10 alone. Defensively, our shape is strong so we need to keep that going."

Perry Spackman and Tom Davey both missed the Mile Oak game but are available today, with Spackman having served his suspension and Davey recovered from a hand injury.

Benji Agana, however, will be missing again as he receives treatment for a hamstring injury, meaning Keelan Mooney retains his place alongside Mike Lord in attack.

The Wells sealed victory last Saturday thanks to Drew Crush's 13th-minute goal – his first since joining the club – despite playing on a surface which disappointed Larkin.

He said: "I don't want to moan but the pitch was awful and the lads struggled to get used to it. However, we controlled the game and at no point were we worried about conceding.

"Keelan started, he looked good and Jon Pilbeam did well on the right-hand side. Keelan held the ball up well, he's got a fantastic first-touch so the ball sticks with him and that takes pressure off the back four."

Erith started their league season by losing 2-0 at Holmesdale, but they booked their FA Cup passage with a 2-1 win at home to Colliers Wood United last weekend, in which Cable scored the last-minute winner.

Hungary work for endurance racing duo

SIX hours of the notoriously technical Hungaroring is the challenge Phil Quaife and Jonathan Kennard are faced with this weekend.

The sports car drivers, both from Tunbridge Wells, will line up on the grid in the 1000km endurance race at the Hungarian circuit, hoping to pick up crucial points to boost their Le Mans Series championship hopes.

The circuit, which hosts Formula One, is one of the hardest circuits in the world to overtake on, which will add to the duo's six-hour challenge.

Quaife, driving a Ferrari F430 for CRS Racing, aims to make up ground in the GT2 Championship after tyre issues hampered his chances last time out in Portugal last month.

Picture: KSM RACING

Picture: CRS RACING

LONG DISTANCE: (l-r) Jon Kennard and Phil Quaife will race 1000km round the Hungaroring

He said: "I like the Hungaroring as it has lots of different challenging sections. It's going to be hard work as it will be very hot, but I get to do lots of driving this weekend so that's great."

While Quaife is in search of a GT2 podium, Kennard, driving the ultra fast 200mph Lola prototype, will have his sights on causing an upset in the LMP 1 category by taking on the Le Mans 24 Hours-winning Peugeot 908.

WEST KENT CRICKET PREVIEW

BY FRED ATKINS

CAPTAIN Mark Smith returns to a full-strength Tunbridge Wells side for today's Kent League Premier Division clash against The Mote at The Nevill, knowing defeat could leave them 34 points adrift of safety with just two games remaining.

The Wells cannot be relegated this weekend, but the team above them, Sevenoaks Vine, have a home fixture with already-doomed Gore Court, while Lordswood, who have the same number of points as the Vine, have a tricky but winnable trip to Hartley.

The Wells' last two games are against the Vine and Lordswood respectively, and Smith feels his side can keep their fate in their own hands by beating The Mote this afternoon.

"When we played the first game (at The Mote) we had a winning draw so we just need to take the extra step, in fact now that we're playing win/lose cricket it would be enough," he said.

The Mote may not have the star names of some squads in the Premier Division, but Smith says they bat all the way down the order.

"We've had players who've scored runs down the order but they have done it when it's mattered," he said. "On paper we've got as good a side or better than them, but what we need is a performance for our young players because The Mote have more experience."

Play starts at 12pm.

PREMIER DIVISION

(P = played, W = won, WD = winning draw, Bat P = batting points, Bow P = bowling points, PTS = total points)

	P	W	L	Bat P	Bow P	PTS
Bromley	15	8	2	14	9	205
St Lawrence	15	8	4	18	10	182
Hartley Country Club	15	7	3	11	9	181
The Mote	15	7	3	16	15	175
Bexley	15	6	6	22	17	163
Bickley Park	15	6	4	12	9	157
Lordswood	15	4	4	16	18	135
Sevenoaks Vine	**15**	**4**	**8**	**19**	**16**	**135**
Tunbridge Wells	**15**	**3**	**9**	**23**	**20**	**121**
Gore Court	15	0	10	31	25	80

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	WD	Bat P	Bow P	PTS
Tenterden	**15**	**10**	**1**	**7**	**14**	**204**
Broadstairs	15	7	0	21	17	184
Dartford	15	7	0	15	11	169
HSBC	15	6	1	22	22	158
Holmesdale	**15**	**6**	**1**	**10**	**27**	**157**
Catford and Cyphers	15	5	1	17	19	156
Minster	15	6	0	15	17	149
Orpington	15	4	0	18	27	149
Hayes	15	3	3	33	29	149
High Halstow	15	2	0	22	20	98

DIVISION THREE

Upchurch	15	7	3	18	17	201
Gravesend	15	7	2	21	18	200
Linden Park	**15**	**7**	**1**	**16**	**14**	**188**
Addington Village	15	7	1	11	17	186
Bromley Common	15	5	2	20	17	166
Old Elthamians	15	5	0	17	23	156
Catford Wanderers	15	4	0	20	21	138
Downham & Bellingham	15	2	0	31	33	125
Old Colfeians	15	3	0	21	30	124
Chestfield	15	3	0	23	22	122

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	Bonus Pts	Pts
Cowdrey	**15**	**13**	**0**	**62**	**277**
R A C S	16	10	5	85	245
Nonington	15	10	5	86	236
Bobbing Court and LH	15	10	4	71	231
Dartfordians	16	6	9	98	198
Westgate-On-Sea	15	6	7	85	195
Tunbridge Wells 3rd XI	**15**	**5**	**7**	**82**	**187**
Old Brockleians	15	4	9	95	175
Bexley	15	5	10	93	168
Belvedere	15	0	13	60	80

CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Mersham Sports	15	13	1	65	270
Old Williamsonians	15	8	3	72	232
Tonbridge	**15**	**8**	**5**	**71**	**211**
Yalding	15	7	8	101	206
Frindsbury	15	6	6	84	204
Wye	15	7	6	69	194
Littlebourne	15	6	6	59	179
Sandwich Town	15	5	8	80	175
Blue Bell Hill	15	1	12	97	132
The Mote	15	3	9	50	125

CHAMPIONSHIP WEST

Shooters Hill	15	13	1	73	278
Blackheath	15	9	5	79	224
Bromley	15	8	5	74	214
Pembury	**15**	**9**	**5**	**67**	**212**
Bexley Park	15	8	6	77	207
Dartford	15	6	8	80	180
RASRA Eagles	15	5	8	69	164
Blackheath Wanderers	15	5	9	74	159
Locksbottom	15	3	10	72	137
Wilmington	15	2	11	79	129

DIVISION 1B WEST

New Ifield	15	11	2	76	261
Old Gravesendians	16	8	5	90	240
GHS Dartford	16	9	4	79	229
Petts Wood	15	8	5	79	219
Gravesend	15	8	5	74	214
Swanscombe & Greenhithe	15	5	7	68	193
Nurstead	15	5	8	79	174
Bexleyheath	15	6	8	67	167
Wrotham (St George's)	**15**	**2**	**10**	**88**	**148**
Old Elthamians	15	2	10	63	108

TODAY'S LEAGUE FIXTURES

(All games start at 1pm unless otherwise stated)

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION (noon start): Gore Court v **Sevenoaks Vine**; **Tunbridge Wells** v The Mote

DIVISION TWO (12.30pm start): Hayes v **Holmesdale**; **Tenterden** v Orpington

DIVISION THREE (12.30pm start): **Linden Park** v Old Colfeians

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Cowdrey v R A C S

CHAMPIONSHIP EAST: Mersham Sports v **Tonbridge**

CHAMPIONSHIP WEST: Shooters Hill v **Pembury**

DIVISION 1B WEST: Old Elthamians 3rd XI v **Wrotham (St George's)**

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

PODIUM HUNT: Motorbase's Mat Jackson needs a strong showing at Silverstone to push for the title

Motorbase hoping for a Silver lining

WITH four rounds of the season remaining, points are increasingly important for the county's teams and drivers as the British Touring Car Championship returns at Silverstone this weekend.

Wrotham-based team Motorbase Performance, who are second in the team championship, picked up a solid points haul at the last meeting at Snetterton two weeks' ago, which kept them in contention for the overall title. However, drivers Mat Jackson and Steven Kane will be required to record more podium finishes on Sunday to maintain the team's charge.

Team manager Oliver Collins said: "We're looking forward to Silverstone. We had a good showing at Snetterton, albeit best of the rest behind the Chevrolet & Ford Focus turbos, which quite frankly were in a different league to everything else on track. We went well at Silverstone last year so hopefully what we learnt will carry over to this year."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

STEADY PROGRESS: Shaun Hollamby

At the other end of the grid, Pembury-born Shaun Hollamby is making steady progress in his privately run AmD Miltek Sport Volkswagen Golf and could be the surprise package of the weekend.

The 44-year-old, competing in his first season in the series, finished all three races at Snetterton and was on the verge of scoring his first points of the campaign.

He said: "We were not expecting great results at Snetterton so to come away with our best weekend ever has left the team very upbeat.

"A couple of silly errors by me cost us a couple of places at Snetterton, but that's what happens when you're trying to make up 10mph down the straights. I could have scored more points if I hadn't spun early in the third race. I can't afford to miss these opportunities."

Meanwhile, Tunbridge Wells' Jake Hill goes in search of his seventh win of the season as he looks to extend his lead in the Ginetta Junior Championship.

Qualifying at Silverstone begins on Saturday before Sunday's three races.

EMERGENCY LOAN TO SOLVE ANGELS CRISIS?

Borough stopper to cover for Worgan's suspension

Billericay Town v Tonbridge Angels

KICK-OFF 3PM AT BLUNTS WALL ROAD

By **FRED ATKINS**

TONBRIDGE Angels were hoping to sign Eastbourne Borough goalkeeper Seb Barton on an emergency one-game loan deal ahead of this afternoon's Ryman Premier Division opener at Billericay.

Former Ashford Town stopper Barton, who filled in for Lee Worgan when the Angels played Brentford in pre-season, would sign for one game only while Worgan serves a one-game suspension he incurred for handling outside the box during the final game of last season at Aveley.

"I've not signed him yet, but I've spoken to [Eastbourne manager] Gary Wilson and he's going to let us have Seb, or if not him then another keeper they've got down there," Angels boss Tommy Warrilow said.

Today's opening league game of the season could hardly be tougher, according to the Tonbridge manager.

"It's never an easy game down there and probably having the first game there will make it harder than usual," he said. "They've always started strongly for the past few seasons so that might make it harder than normal and I know [Billericay manager] Craig Edwards has been busy in the transfer market."

Edwards' acquisitions include Jamaican international Micah Hyde, former Dartford captain Adam Flanagan and Bromley striker Leon McKenzie.

Tonbridge meanwhile will have to cope without both Worgan and Scott Kinch, who starts a three-game ban, while Liam Harwood is a doubt with a knee injury sustained during a 4-2 win at Thamesmead last Thursday.

Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

UNAVAILABLE: (l-r) Scott Kinch, who is out suspended, and Liam Harwood who is a doubt with a knee injury ahead of Tonbridge Angels' away trip to Billericay

Jay May could start, but Joe Vines and Anthony Joseph have both been released.

"We haven't got the funds to take on Joe so he's sorted himself out somewhere," Warrilow said. "As for AJ the last I'd heard was that he was going to play for Boreham Wood, but I'm not sure where he is."

Warrilow decided to sign May believing he would add to his options up front.

The Angels opted not to play an extra friendly last week after concluding their pre-season campaign at Thamesmead, where May, Frannie Collin (2) and Jake Beecroft all found the back of the net.

"I had two or three of the lads with little knocks so I thought it was pointless having another game," Warrilow said. "We trained on Saturday and it was quite good to be honest because we went through all our set-pieces in depth, so hopefully we'll be able to use them a bit more."

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